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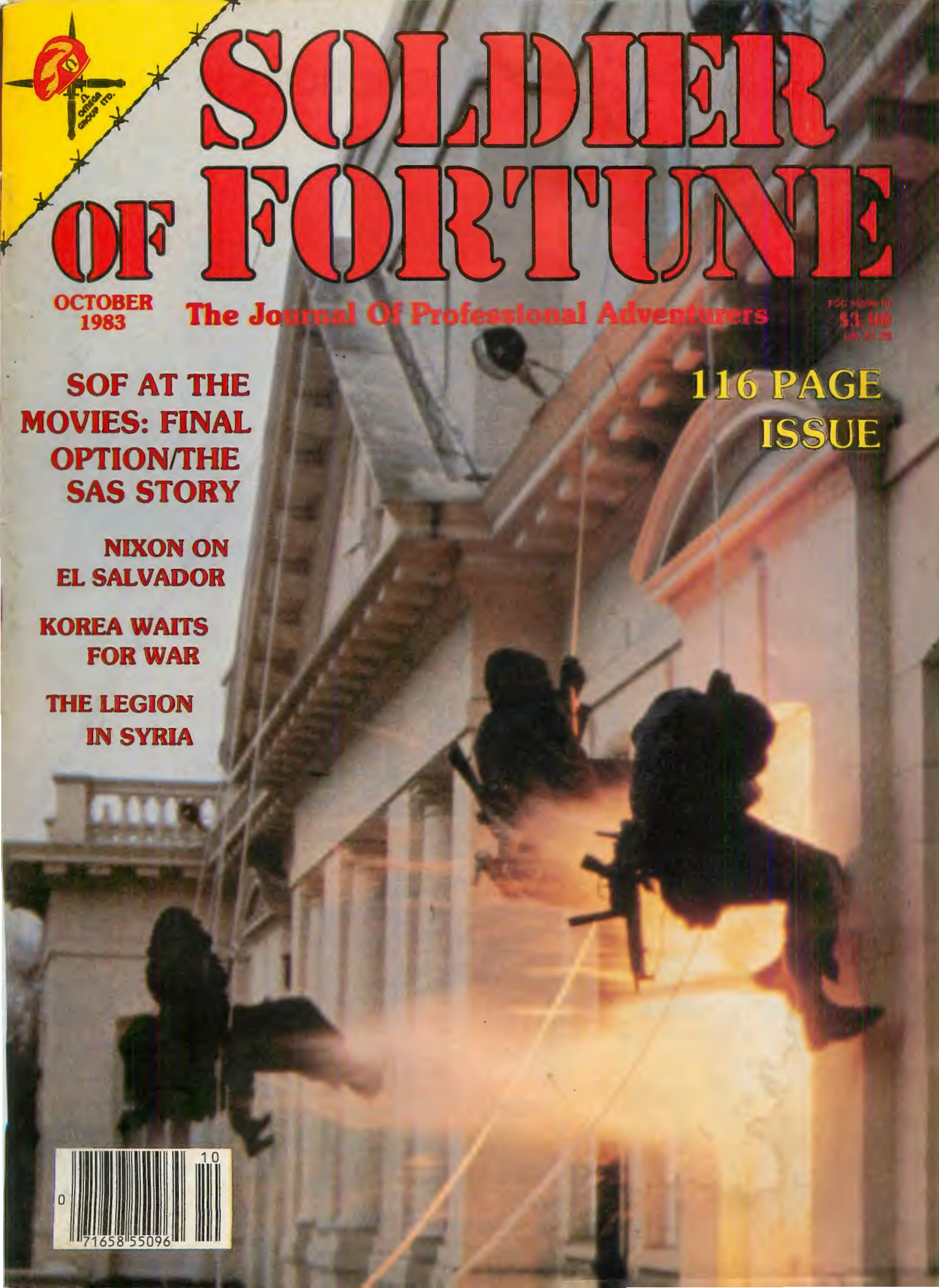

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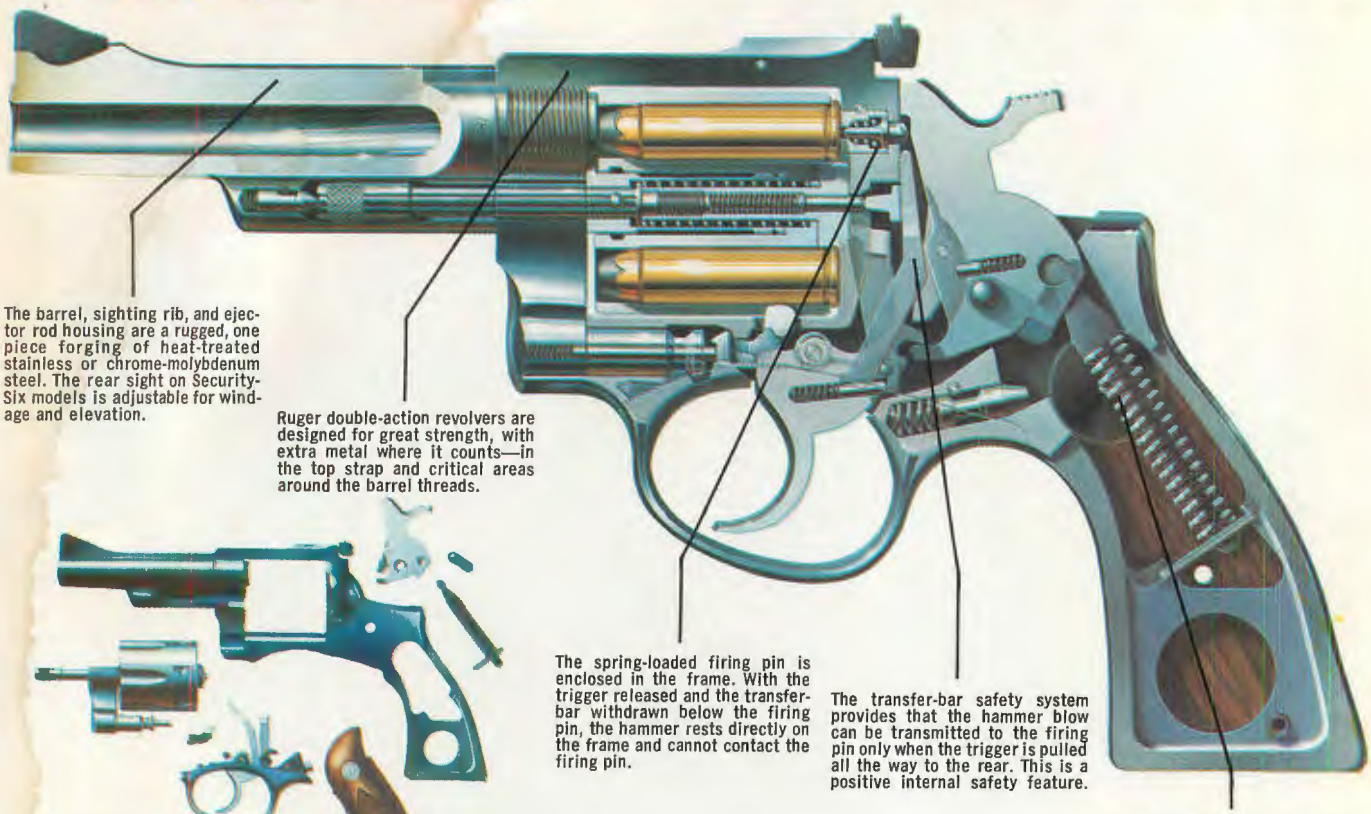

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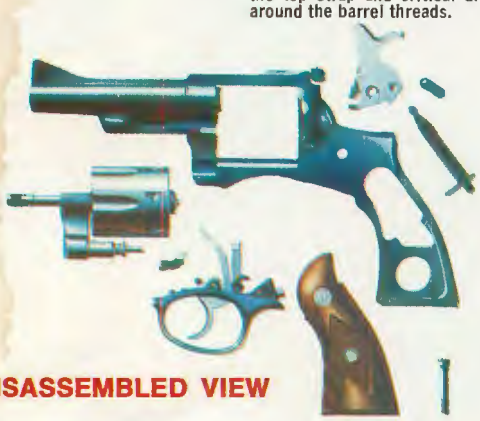

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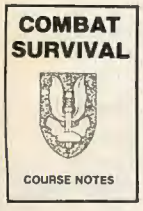

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WE watched with considerable amusement in early June when the *New York Times* and other mainstream media fell for Harvard professor Matthew Meselson's bee do-do hoax.

Meselson, who has long insisted that trychothecene mycotoxins could not be the agent killing Meo, H'mong and Afghan tribesmen, now admits that indeed mycotoxins may be the culprit, but that they developed naturally in the accumulated excrement dropped by bees.

The *Times* reporter, Philip M. Boffey, based his story on Meselson's photographs, which showed that bee excrement and Yellow Rain samples are similar in appearance.

The story got a big play by TV, newspapers and magazines. Many reflected the sentiment: "Whew, now we can sleep at night, knowing that the Russians are not busy stirring up some poisonous witches' brew in their labs."

Considerably less play has been given to the devastating counterattack, one that should have been opened with cries of "Bullshit!"

When we asked Sterling Seagrave, author of *Yellow Rain*, his thoughts on the "Killer Bee Theory," he chuckled and said: "It's pretty ridiculous. They [the bees] would have to be pretty well toilet-trained, since they only drop their lethal do-do in areas under Russian control."

There have been bees for millions of years. But suddenly in the late 1970s, they start excreting poisonous wastes, and only in Laos, Cambodia and Afghanistan, where thousands of people die after exhibiting symptoms identical to those of the Russians who died from T-2 mycotoxin poisoning in the Urals in 1943.

The mycotoxin-related deaths in the Urals resulted from Russians eating wheat that had developed fungi. The deadly T-2 mycotoxin is produced when the fungus is exposed to repeated freezing and thawing.

It does get cold in Afghanistan — but when was the last freeze in Laos?

It is somewhat amazing that none of those bees have strayed across the Mekong River into Thailand, or through the Khyber Pass to Pakistan.

But we at SOF are not puzzled at all. Why? Elementary, my friends. The species of bees which drop "Yellow Rain Do-Do" are KGBees.

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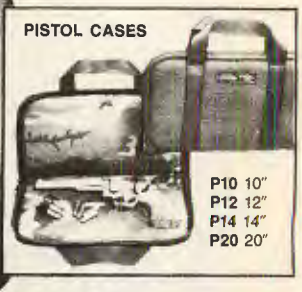

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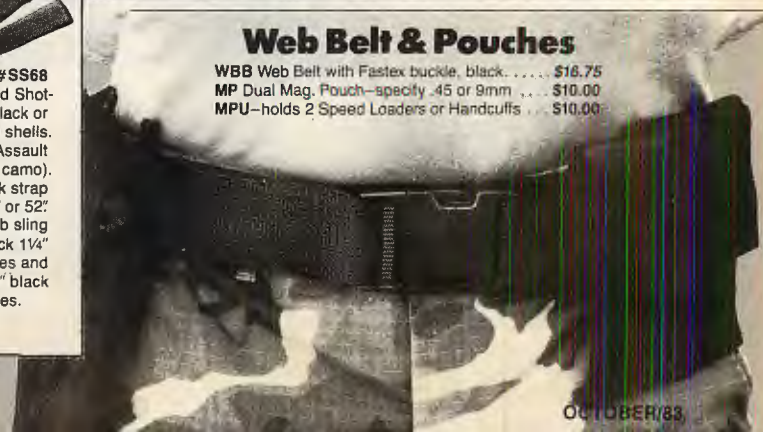

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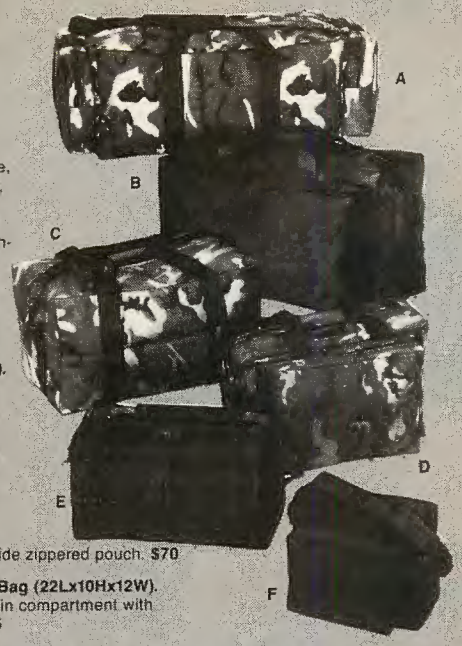

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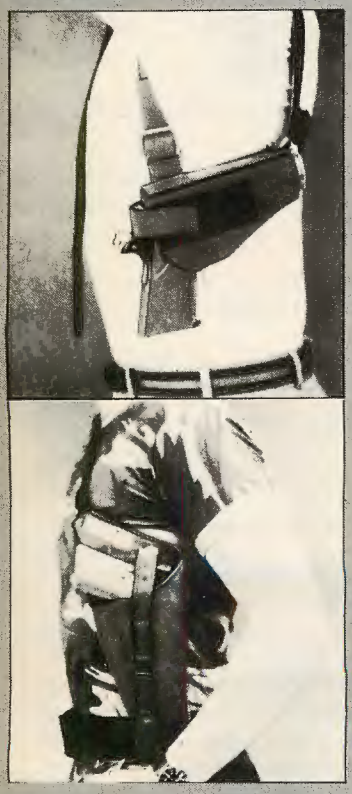

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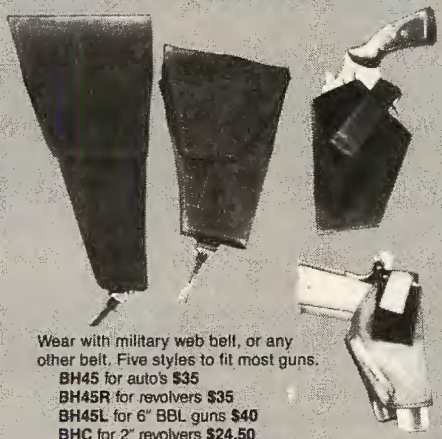

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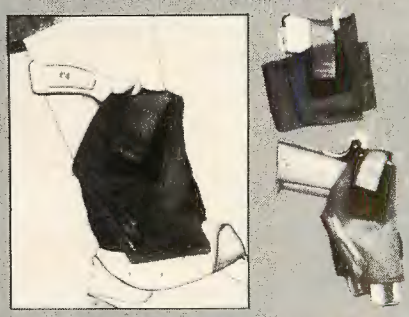

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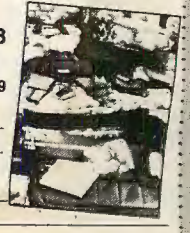

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Jaime Lopez
Miami, Florida

ON THE BLOODY BORDER...

Sirs:

In August 1976 an ugly incident occurred up on the DMZ separating North and South Korea. Two American officers, a captain and a lieutenant, were brutally murdered by ax-wielding North Korean border guards. What initially began as a routine tree-pruning mission turned into a daytime nightmare. Accompanying the two American officers were six South Korean army personnel and a Korean work detail numbering about four men.

According to the story we received, there were several tree branches obstructing the view between the north and south guardposts a few klicks south of the DMZ at Camp Casey. The tree had to be pruned. Only minutes after the work detail began, a few North Korean guards walked over and their OIC demanded that the detail cease. After the American OIC told "jee chink" to take a hike, a North Korean soldier was dispatched immediately for "reinforcements" while the North OIC continued to argue.

Some tense minutes later, with "jee chink" outnumbering the entire work detail three to one, the North OIC calmly took off his wristwatch, wrapped it in a handkerchief and placed it in his pocket. Once more the American OIC was asked to stop the work detail and again he refused. Following a quick signal, the North Koreans jumped the Americans and South Koreans with axes. Using both ends, they killed the American officers and wounded several of the South Koreans.

A few hours later, we were put on a 72-hour alert, which would eventually become a 30-day alert. Tension ran high. The majority of American and South Korean troops at Camp Casey were anxious to kick "jee chink's ass."

How were these deaths avenged? A couple of days later a large contingent of Americans decapitated the tree in question (instead of doing a similar number on "jee chink").

Marv Treat
Portland, Oregon

For more information on the Korean DMZ, see "Cold War Games in Korea," page 56 and "Waiting for War," page 66. —The Eds.

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If generalizations can be made, they are that first models have full bakelite hilt and rubber-insulated steel scabbard, and second models have a steel hilt with bakelite inserts and fully bakelite-covered scabbards.

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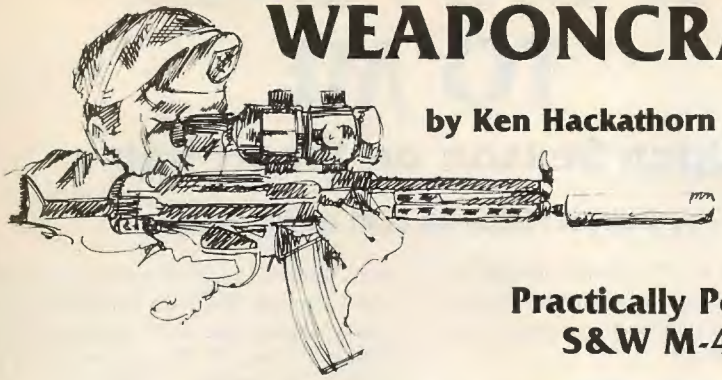


by Ken Hackathorn

Practically Perfect: S&W M-469

A handful of the future.

SMITH & Wesson doesn't have the best rep in the world when it comes to auto pistols. Shooters who have owned and used their weapons have had problems, as became public knowledge during the JSSAP (Joint Services Small Arms Program) trials. In spite of all that, S&W may have made the auto that will make their reputation: S&W M-469.

The M-469 started out as a prototype for a needed U.S. military compact service pistol in 9mm Parabellum. Loosely speaking, it was made from the M-59, but the new Smith & Wesson compact has been developed much better than its predecessor.

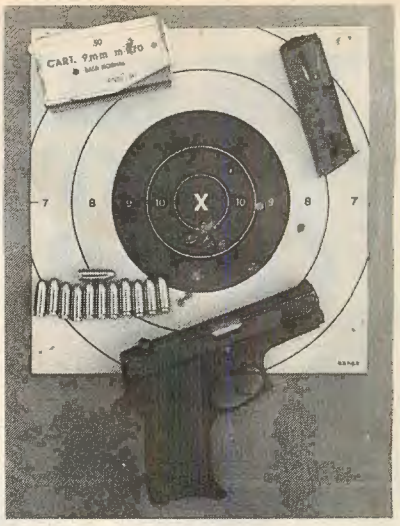
Although I'm known for my love for the .45 ACP, I'll confess 9mm is an easier cartridge to build a compact auto around. The M-59 was too close to the size of a Browning-patent Colt without being a .45 for my taste. The M-469 is close to the size of a lot of .380s and .32s. And it's a lot more powerful.

Basing the new S&W auto around the 9mm shell allows it to be lighter and smaller than a six-shot 2.5-inch Smith & Wesson Combat Magnum. Careful paring of the original design and use of textured Delrin plastic stocks makes the grip compact. With its double-column magazine, it's still a little thinner than the old single-column mag M-39. That's practical engineering.

The M-469 looks a lot like the M-59, but there are many important improvements. The first the shooter notices is how fast he can pick up the sights. Non-adjustable rear sights are low, rounded and snag-proof, but bright, clear-white outlining makes them instantly visible. The front ramp is just as streamlined, and made just as obvious as the rear by use of a yellow insert. This combination is not only quick, it is highly visible in low light.

A rugged, snag-proof, well-designed bobbed hammer lies well inside the hammer recess of the slide. The hammer has been serrated at the top and is much easier to thumb-cock than it would seem from looking at it. Slide stop and safety levers are narrow and rounded to ease draw, prevent hang-ups in clothing and to keep the overall profile sleek and narrow.

Though this seems to me an inadequate replacement for good weapons training, the safety system is just about foolproof. The slide-mounted safety lever moves a bar to block the near end of the firing pin, and drops the hammer. Of course this means you can't get off an accurate single-action first shot without leaving the pistol off safe in the holster. I don't like the idea, but for what it's supposed to be the M-469's safety works just right.



Simple, reliable, compact S&W M-469.

Most of the greatest changes from the M-59 are on the slide. The sights have already been described, but that's not the most obvious thing. The M-469 is really short and there's no barrel bushing. The barrel has been cut to a scant 3.5 inches, and when they shortened the slide to an easy-to-hide 6-7/8 inches they changed the way it works. The radius-machined muzzle now slips out of the slide by hand. This makes the compact easier to field-strip.

The pistol's frame is aluminum. This keeps the S&W auto down to an empty weight of 26 ounces. The pebbled Delrin stocks are fitted without screws or pins. The trigger guard has a useful, modest hook which is serrated on the leading edge. Checking on the human-engineered deeply-hooked trigger helps with sure trigger feel. The alloy front strap is grooved and the nylon mainspring housing is horizontally ridged for an unshakable grip. The only uncomfortable thing about the pistol — for me — is the nylon: I know it's not a structural member, but it just doesn't feel right in plastic.

With one in the chamber the pistol holds 13 rounds. This is two less than the M-59, but it's enough. A hook on the bottom of the magazine provides a surer hold of the shortened grip. Smith & Wesson includes a spare magazine on shipment.

I am impressed with the S&W M-469. It shoots acceptably, cycled all sorts of ammo without failure, and is an ideal, convenient size for a sidearm. (Police departments and the military should give their pistol-carrying personnel a break on size and weight of arms when it's possible.) My prejudices aside, I realize that double-action autos are the wave of the future for police and military: They've made it clear that's what they want. The M-469 should give Smith & Wesson an even firmer hold on the police auto market, at least until Bill Ruger gets into it. At this writing, it seems the M-469 will be available later this fall.

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IT HAPPENED TO ME

Open Season on Wharf Rats

by Robert Finlay as told to M.L. Jones

Robert Finlay is a 37-year-old attorney in Houston, Texas, who specializes in personal injury and workman's compensation law. As he tells it:

EAST Houston by the ship channel is as rough as any other port area in the world. Police there take shootings, dope deals and dead bodies more or less for granted. I had gotten a good deal on an old house nearby though, and was living in it, fixing it up for eventual rental property.

Big Dave Hughes — a hunting buddy of mine and a former Marine — was helping me with the carpentry and painting. One day he brought over a window sticker that showed an American flag, a Colt .45 and the slogan: "The owner of this property is armed and will defend it to the death by force."

"This'll keep the wharf rats away from here," he told me, putting the sticker on the glass of the back door.

I didn't think much about it one way or the other — hammering and nailing was keeping me plenty busy. Dave's father got sick in Florida, and he went down to see what he could do to help him. About a month later he called me for a favor — short on cash as always, he asked if I would pay the pawn fee for the .45 automatic he had borrowed against. I told him I'd do better than that: Since he had helped me on the house, I said if he'd send the necessary releases, I'd get the automatic out of hock for him, and he could pick it up when he got back to Houston.

"Hey, that's great, Bob," he said.

The next Saturday I redeemed Dave's .45 and a box of shells for him. He had used it in Vietnam and was very proud of it, and I was glad it wouldn't be lost because of the hard time he was having. I had a shotgun and rifle, but was keeping them at my girlfriend's house across town, as that was where I was spending most of my nights. She was out of town that weekend though, so I worked late on the old Ship Channel house, then went to sleep in the side bedroom.

I had worked hard all day and was sleeping like a hound. About 3:00 a.m. I started dreaming about dogs barking, then about a wall of glass falling into a china shop. It wasn't a dream though: After I awakened, I heard more glass breaking. Something or someone was coming through my back door!

It was so dark and I had been so knocked out that I had to think a moment even to remember where I was. Then some more glass fell and I heard the rattle of the back door opening. My heart started banging like a bayou dredge, and I reached into the drawer for the .45. My eyes were getting used to the dimness, and I slid in the magazine and loaded a round. I was going to load more but saw the kitchen light go on and heard footsteps. I got quietly out of bed.

The floors squeak when you walk on them, and I felt heavy as a rhino as I went slowly up the hall toward the kitchen. Through the doorway I could see a man in a leather jacket and jeans, his arms full of silverware and steak knives. Before I could say a word, he let it all drop and brought up a revolver. It spit fire and a piece of plasterboard by my head chipped debris into my face.

Then I brought the .45 up and pulled the trigger. He took the bullet in his right shoulder, dropped the revolver, spun and fell to the floor. He moaned while I called the police and ambulance, and I held his gun on him to keep him down.

One of the police officers was a woman — when she came in I realized I was standing there buck-naked.

Dave came back to town and got his .45. "Well, Bob," he said, "you see it works as well on wharf rats as it did on VC."

The wharf rat I shot had been out on bond for another burglary and is now in the Texas Department of Corrections serving 15 hard ones. I finished fixing the house and got a new .45 sticker for the back door. The place has been rented for a year now, and there haven't been any more break-ins.

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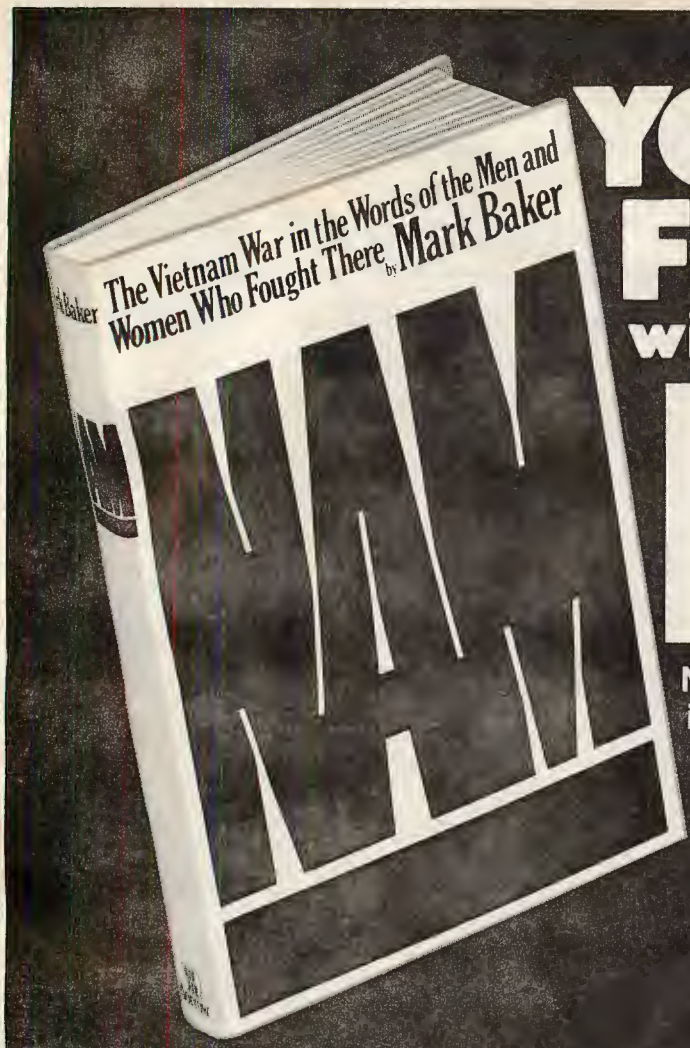

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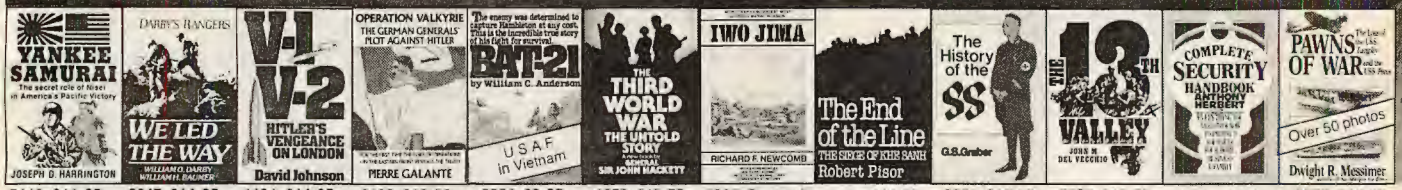

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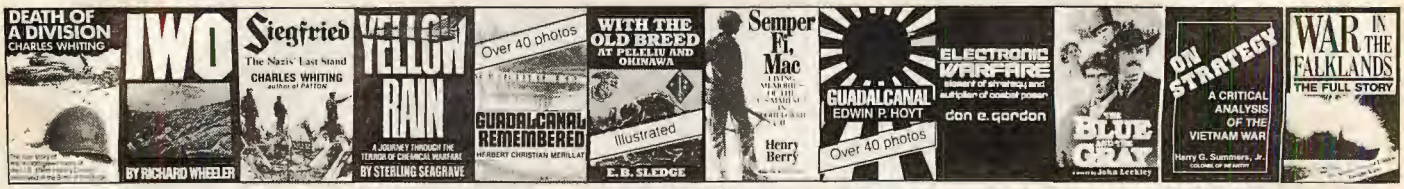

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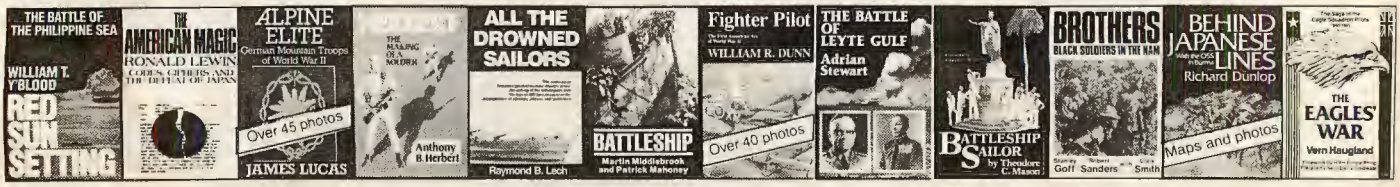

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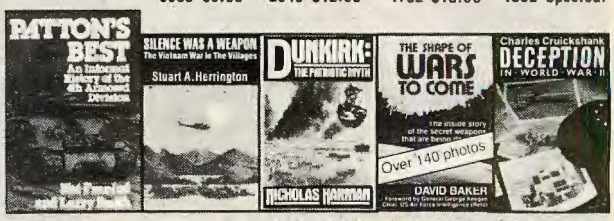

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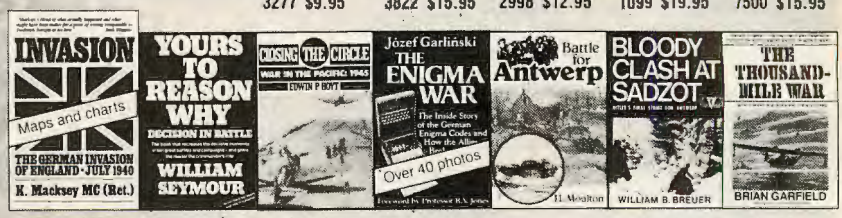

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IN REVIEW

THE GERMAN SNIPER 1914-1945. By Peter R. Senich. Paladin Press, Dept. SOF, P.O. Box 1307, Boulder, CO 80306. 1982. 445 pp. Over 400 photographs and line drawings. $49.95. Review by Bill Brooks.

PETER R. Senich has written a labor of love. Recognized as one of the world's foremost authorities on the history of modern military sniping weapon systems and their tactical applications, Senich has written a book as close to the final word on the subject as anything now available.

The German Sniper 1914-1945 traces the evolution of Germany's sniping weapon systems and the riflemen who used them efficiently, providing complete historical photographic coverage. One of the most fascinating parts of the book presents interviews with three former WWII master snipers.

This book provides a comprehensive presentation of German sniping practice as carried out during both wars. For the first time, serious military students and German arms collectors can not only trace the chronological development of a large number of telescopic rifle sights, mounts and the weapons employed by the German military for sharpshooting purposes from 1914 through 1945, but the development of theories, attitudes, camouflage uniforms and organization as well. A chapter on Russian sniping weapons and equipment is an added supplement to the book.

My only points of contention are the obviously staged series of photos on pages 142 and 143, which supposedly show an "SS sniper," *sans fusil,* who is wearing a pair of WWII USMC tanker's coveralls, and mistranslation of a number of German military terms, including SS *Verfuergungstruppe* (SS Disposition troops), repeatedly translated as "SS-Reserve."

Well-written and wonderfully illustrated, this book will be a valuable addition to your arms library.

THE HAND CANNONS OF IMPERIAL JAPAN. By Harry Derby. Derby Publishing Company, P.O. Box 221474, Charlotte, NC 28222. 1981. 283 pp., color and black-and-white photos and illustrations. $37.95 + $2 postage and handling.

MILITARY PISTOLS OF JAPAN. By Fred L. Honeycutt, Jr. Julin Books, 5282 Ridan Way, Lake Park, FL 33410. 1982. 167 pp., black-and-white photos and illustrations. $24 + $2 postage and handling. Reviews by Peter G. Kokalis.

WITH few exceptions, only Italy rivaled Japan in the accumulation of an abominable assemblage of small arms during World War II. That they were both counted among the losers is no doubt attributable to far weightier considerations.

As its more hideous aspects have drifted from our memory banks, nostalgia and interest in World War II have increased in a geometric progression, as has the collection of militaria of the period.

Both these fine books address themselves to Japanese military pistols of the WWII era. While Harry Derby briefly discusses the matchlock, first brought to Japan by the Portuguese in 1543, he emphasizes, as does Honeycutt, the period between 1893 and 1945.

After explanations of Japanese characters, dating systems and methods of designating firearm types, both authors begin their story with the Type 26 revolver. Possessing features of the old Smith & Wesson revolvers, the Austrian Rast & Gasser models and the British MKI Webley, the double-action-only Type 26 was followed in turn by the so-called "Grandpa," "Papa" and "Baby" Nambu auto pistols. From that time forward, almost all Japanese military small arms bore the influence of Gen. Kijiro Nambu. Sad to say, his influence was often not for the best. The 8mm Nambu bottleneck pistol cartridge is only slightly superior to the .32 ACP.

Large sections of each book are devoted to that most ubiquitous of all Japanese pistols, the Type 14 Nambu. Honeycutt's coverage is more efficient for collectors, as each Type 14 variant is presented separately with descriptive material distinguishing its salient features, accompanied by large, clear photographs.

Both authors devote adequate space to the much-maligned Type 94 (the "suicide special" with its potentially dangerous, externally exposed sear bar) and the lesser-known Hamada and Inagaki pistols. Derby often defends the more-criticized Japanese designs, like the Type 94, and in so doing only serves to further delineate their glaring deficiencies. Honeycutt more carefully avoids such controversy.

Both writers cover the interesting ancillary topics of flare pistols, ammunition, holsters and the Japanese use of foreign pistols. Honeycutt illustrates a few cleaning rods, but Derby wisely steers clear of this confusing — and trivial — topic. The well-respected West Coast pistolsmith, John Lawson, once told me that Nambu Type 14 rods were supplied in nickel-plated, rust-blued, galvanized, sand-blasted, heat-blued, urine-oxidized and caustic-oxide finishes — and that no one knows what went with which!

Overall, Derby's is the more lavish presentation. Seven stunning color plates and numerous intriguing black-and-white historical photographs grace his pages. While there is, of course, overlapping material, there is much that is unique to each volume. Each of these two authors has obviously spent years in research and study, and has executed his objectives with flawless precision. Their differing insights, a result of individual perspective and exposure, coalesce into a common goal, the detection and preservation of information of interest to both historians and collectors alike. Anyone with more than a passing curiosity about Japanese pistols must own both volumes. I recommend these two books highly.

"A KNIFE THAT WAS TEMPERED IN HELL"

By Robert A. Buerlein

JAPANESE warlords were sweeping across the Pacific. America desperately needed a tough commando force to strike back. We got one—the U.S. Marine Raiders.

This elite force of hand-picked fighters was specially equipped to carry out their deadly missions. A 1943 song described them well: "They carry machine guns like pistols, and *a knife that was tempered in Hell!*"

The knife was developed expressly for them by Lt. Col. Clifford H. Shuey. Based directly on the Fairbairn-Sykes Fighting Knife, this was the first knife designed by a Marine Corps officer and officially issued to Marines. It was called the U.S. Marine Raider Stiletto.

Instead of a separately machined crossguard and grip being attached to the blade tang with a top nut, the Stiletto hilt was die-cast directly on the tang. This was faster to make and permitted gripping surfaces impossible to achieve by lathe turning. The side panels were ribbed vertically to increase gripping power on the thrust. The top and bottom panels were checkered to improve the grasp in the thrust and the slash.

The zinc-aluminum alloy used for the hilts took a sharp cast impression and had the proper weight, toughness and "feel"—wet or dry.

The blades were machined from stamped blanks of rolled steel. This quick production rushed Stilettos into the hands of Raiders within weeks of design approval. Only fifteen thousand of these knives were made—a small quantity compared to the two and a half million U.S. M-3 trench knives made in 1943 alone.

For this reason, these Stilettos are scarce. Specimens in mint condition can easily sell for $1,000 or more. They are so scarce that the U.S. Marine Raider Association has officially authorized a special limited edition reissue of the Stiletto, to make it possible for Raiders to own a battleworthy Stiletto again.

The U.S. Marine Raider Association is

U.S. Marine Raiders advance with the "Knife that was tempered in Hell."

approving every step of this project to assure a knife superior in every way to the wartime version.

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The zinc ions of the wartime alloy hilts have leached out over the past 40 years, leaving the metal brittle and often cracked. For this reason, each hilt of the official reissue is cast of pewter, a metal proven to endure for centuries.

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For beauty and to further set this Stiletto apart from all others, the hilt is heavily plated with Sterling Silver and inset with a full color cloisonne enamel Marine Raider insignia. The blade is deeply etched with a foliate U.S.M.C. scroll, and the limited edition serial number is engraved on the reverse shoulder. It is a beautiful—yet battle worthy—weapon.

This is the first time since World War II that this knife has been produced—and this is the *only* time the Stiletto will ever be officially authorized by the U.S. Marine Raider Association.

Because of the superior quality of this Stiletto and the attention *it is* receiving in the Marine Corps, future collectors may well prize this limited reissue even more than the original Stilettos. This has happened on numerous occasions with collector arms in the past.

Only 2500 Stilettos will be made—far fewer than produced during the war. This limit corresponds with the number of known surviving Raiders. This officially authorized reissue will be available to the general public only to the extent that these Raiders do not reserve Stilettos—a built-in assurance of rarity to collectors.

Reservations for the officially authorized Stiletto are now being accepted on a first come, first served basis by The American Historical Foundation, on behalf of the U.S. Marine Raider Association. A Certificate of Authenticity accompanies each Stiletto, as does a history of the Raiders by Raider Colonel "Stormy" Sexton. Satisfaction guaranteed.

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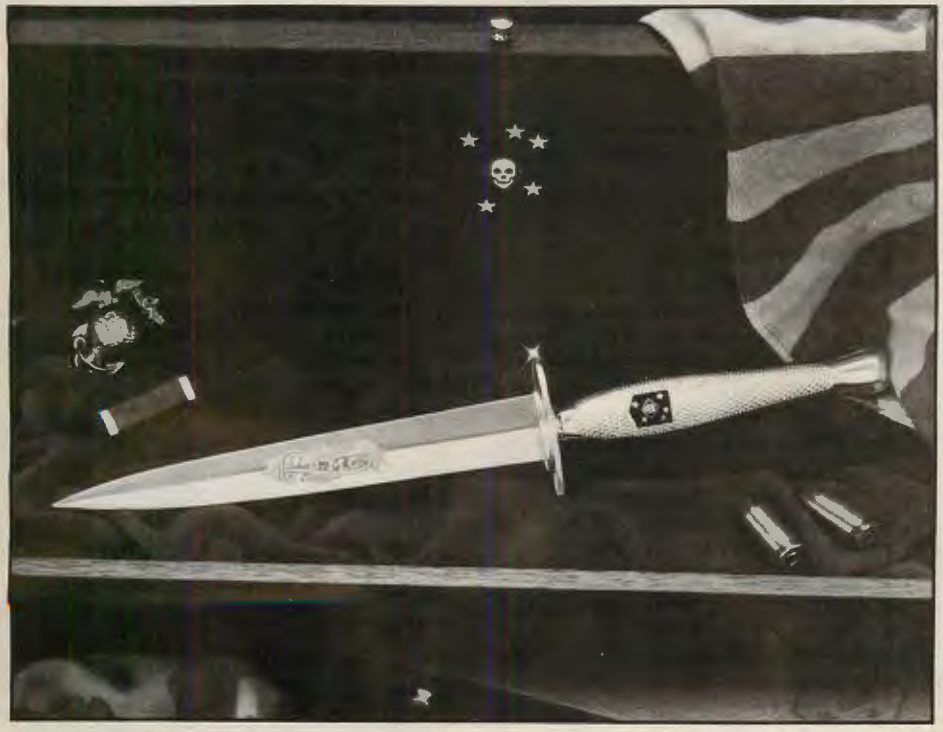

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SOF Special Projects Director Alex McColl delivers check for $10,500 contributed by SOF readers to Afghan Freedom Fighters Fund this year to Hassan Gailani of the Islamic Unity of Afghan Mujahideen during his recent visit to Boulder. Photo: Bill Guthrie

SADF SUPPLIED SEYCHELLES WEAPONS...

A warrant officer of the South African Defence Forces received authorization to issue weapons and equipment to Col. Mike Hoare, leader of the '81 aborted Seychelles coup attempt, the SA Minister of Defense, Gen. Magnus Malan admitted recently. His admission verifies what most have known all along.

Gen. Malan said that 50 AK-47s and 25 AK-47 (AMD) rifles were issued to the mercenaries and were delivered to Hoare's house. He added, "The officer who authorized the issuing of the weapons had the authority to approve such issues, but made an error in judgment" and that departmental steps had been taken against him.

When questioned about the role of the South African National Intelligence Service (NIS) in the attempted coup, Prime Minister P.W. Botha referred to the Protection of Information Act of 1982 and said this was a matter of security. "I am not prepared to discuss the activity of the intelligence community in public," Botha said.

When asked if this was an example of an open administration, the Prime Minister replied, "No, it is an example of security administration."

Meanwhile, Mike's wife, Phyllis Hoare, writes that Mike and the boys are fit and well. Sales of Wild Geese beret patches ($4) and Mike's books, *Congo Mercenary* ($12) and *Three Years with Sylvia*, ($25, includes patch as bonus) are brisk. To order, contact Phyllis Hoare, Box 441, Hilton, Natal, South Africa 3245. All prices include surface postage.

ARMY'S LIGHTER SIDE...

The U.S. Army is now testing one aerobatic Rally Sport one-seater and three Rally 3 two-seater ultralights at the JFK Special Warfare Center at Ft. Bragg. Though the ultralight aircraft was designed as a recreational vehicle, the Army anticipates using the camouflaged "jeep in the sky" for military purposes: surveillance, troop transport, parachuting, mapping, flight training and possibly for weapons deployment and a laser designator to direct artillery or missiles.

Editor/Publisher Robert K. Brown and Managing Editor Jim Graves checked out the ultralight at last year's Chile air show (see "Chile Air Show," SOF, November '82) and found it to be light (less than 250 pounds), quiet, easily maneuvered, versatile (carries up to 500 pounds), cheap ($10,000) and a lot of fun — just the thing for unconventional James Bond-type operations.

Rotec Engineering, Inc., Duncanville, Texas, supplied the four sail aircraft to the Army. They also sold four to the Marines last year, as well as to Venezuela and several "free-world" African nations.

COLD WAR HEATS UP...

"We're putting more emphasis on under-ice operations," Adm. James Watkins, chief of naval operations, said as he announced plans to build a new submarine designed to find and battle Soviet strategic subs below the arctic ice.

Only a few U.S. subs of the *Los Angeles* class now can operate in heavily iced waters, but the Soviets have missile-firing submarines in the sub-arctic waters which ride shotgun for their missile boats, Watkins reported. The planned under-ice submarine would be quieter, faster, deeper-diving and better-armed than the current LA subs, and would be nuclear-powered.

SOVIETS TORTURE AFGHANS...

Calling them "specialists in torture," a former Afghan police colonel accused the Soviets of supervising the torture and execution of thousands of imprisoned Afghan civilians, reported *Christian Science Monitor*.

Col. Muhammad Ayub Assil, who recently joined the Islamic National Front of Afghanistan as security and legal adviser, said that he observed firsthand the Soviet control over the Ministry of Interior and their active participation in the interrogation and torture of Afghans. "Soviets are present in every interrogation team," he said.

Soviet torture methods include beatings, sleep deprivation, electric shock, refrigeration of prisoners and hanging prisoners upside down for prolonged periods. Rape was common for female prisoners, according to Assil. At one large prison, Pul-i-Charkhi, near Kabul, thousands of Afghans have been executed, Assil asserted.

RX FOR SALVADOR...

SOF's Paramedic Operations Editor, Dr. John "Doc" Peters, and Special Projects Assistant, Tom Reisinger, have just returned from their first

medical mission to El Salvador for the newly formed Refugee Relief International, Inc., a non-profit, non-political human assistance organization that SOF will be collaborating with on future projects. Among these is the immediate establishment of medical treatment centers in rural El Salvador and later in Guatemala, Honduras, Pakistan, secure areas of Kampuchea (Cambodia) and Thailand.

During their visits to the Salvadoran village of Delocias de Concepcion in Morazan Department, Peters and Reisinger treated nearly 400 civilian inhabitants for conditions ranging from scabies to intestinal parasites. Several cancer patients, among others, were evacuated by military vehicle to the civilian hospital in San Francisco Gotera, 10 kilometers south through guerrilla-influenced territory.

The Atlacatl Battalion and other government troops operating in the area provided tight security and support that enabled RRII to take much-needed medical treatment to remote areas of El Salvador, which had been without any medical aid for 2½ years due to guerrilla activity.

Fortunately, no battle casualties were treated, but elaborate preparations had been made for field surgical procedures in case of hostile action.

RRII is planning long-term projects in rural areas of El Salvador, many of which are under periodic guerrilla control. Basic medical needs exist throughout El Salvador where even the most minor forms of medical aid are welcomed heartily by the populace.

SOF hopes that its readers will support RRII. Donations are tax-deductible and contributors are assured that administrative costs will be minimal. Monies will go directly toward aid for deserving groups and not for lavish staff accomodations, first-class air fares and such.

Financial support in any amount is needed urgently, and monthly support commitments are especially welcome. Several large donations have already been received, but more is required if effective medical programs are to be initiated and maintained.

Those interested may contact: Refugee Relief International, Inc., 6340 Nelson St., Arvada, CO 80004.

NICARAGUAN NAZIS...

A new wave of anti-Semitic action by the Sandinistas has driven Nicaragua's entire Jewish population into exile. Anti-Semitic actions include personal violence, confiscation of Jewish property, seizing the Managua synagogue and turning it into a children's social center, and anti-Zionist posters and slogans.

Young Salvadoran child is one of 400 patients SOF Paramilitary Operations Editor, Dr. John Peters and Special Projects Assistant, Tom Reisinger, treated in recent visit to Delocias de Concepcion village in El Salvador. This was the first mission of the newly formed Refugee Relief International, Inc.

Abraham Gorn, 70, president of the Jewish community in Managua, was jailed and accused of stealing land. His factory, home and bank account were seized by the Sandinistas.

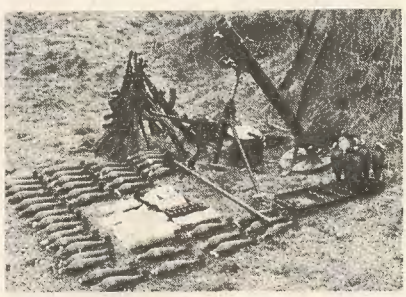
This action against Nicaragua's Jews reflects the close relationship between the Sandinistas and the PLO, Rabbi Morton M. Rosenthal, director of the Latin American Affairs Department of the Anti-Defamation League, asserts.

DOGS OF WAR...

In the press they're called Sandinistas, or communists by a few. But the Nicaraguan counterrevolutionaries (or Contras) have another name for them: *piricoacos*, a derogatory Spanish word for a bothersome, yapping street dog.

According to *Miami Herald* journalist Murry Sill, who spent some time with the anti-Sandinista Contras in northern Nicaragua, the Contras are proud of fighting the *piricoacos* and didn't mind at all having their pictures taken. He found them a diverse group: bankers, dentists, carpenters, accountants, even children. But the one thing they all have in common is unemployment, which theyy attribute to the Sandinistas. War has become their livelihood.

Sill also reported that the Contras he met (of which only one was a former Somoza National Guardsman, contrary to Sandinista claims) were all heavily armed with Chinese AK-47s, Belgian FALs, Soviet RPG-7s, FN Browning 9mm pistols, M79s, M60s, LAWs and 60mm mortars.



FDN Nicaraguan Freedom Fighters sent SOF photos of weapons they have captured from the Sandinista Popular Army (EPS) in the mountains of northern Nicaragua. The FDN is now fighting in nine of Nicaragua's 17 provinces. Weapons include: 82mm Soviet-made mortar, seven Soviet AK-47s, Russian Degtyarev DPM LMG with 47-rd. pan magazines (caliber 7.62mm x 54mm), two Czech VZ-52s and 47 rounds of 82mm for mortar.

BOY SCOUTS SPY BEACHED BUOY...

Although espionage is not part of traditional Boy Scout training, the 11-year-old Scouts instantly recognized the orange-and-white beached buoy as a Russian spy device.

The buoy, marked with USSR on one side and The Academy of Sciences in both Russian and English on the other, was found on a beach 1½ miles south of Sand Point, Wash., by members of Boy Scout Troop 321 from Chehalis, Wash.

Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger confirmed the boys' suspicion that the buoy was a Soviet spy device. The buoy interpreted sound messages from passing Trident submarines to their home base in Bangor, Wash.

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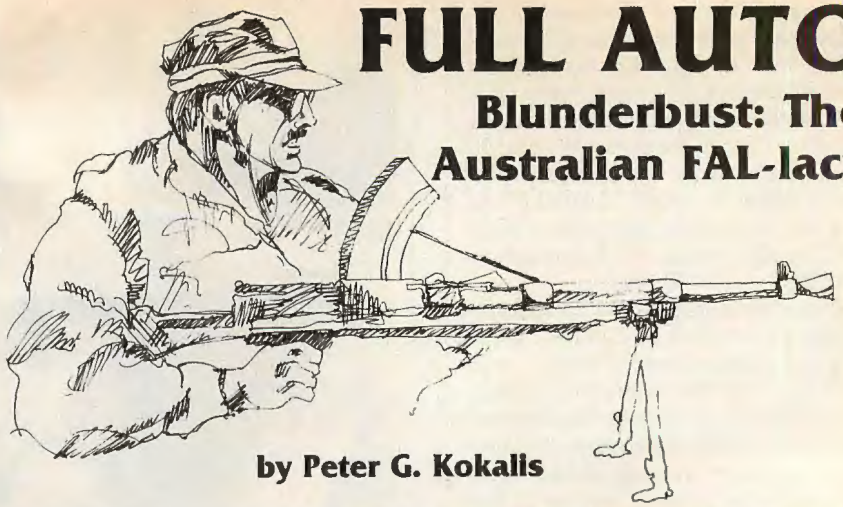


by Peter G. Kokalis

THE FAL is a great rifle. It is the stuff legends are made of. It has served its time in the hells of dozens of conflicts throughout the world. It still performs its killing role in the jungles of El Salvador. A world standard, it takes many forms. Let's take a look at its most distorted mutation.

The FAL's book of Genesis commenced with the Light Rifle Trials held in February 1950 at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md. Made in Belgium by Fabrique Nationale and entered into the tests by the British, the rifle was chambered for a .280-caliber cartridge. The caliber fit the concept, which was clearly embodied in the name (FAL = *Fusil Automatique Leger* = Light Automatic Rifle). The idea was Teutonic, born of the MP44, the world's first true assault rifle *(Sturmgewehr).* By definition, it was a lightweight infantry rifle, firing an intermediate-sized cartridge and having selective-fire capability.

The notion was effectively undermined by the United States when the 7.62mm rifle cartridge was, with blatant power politics, forced upon NATO in 1952. Thus, the FAL sailed forward into history robbed of one of its original prerequisites: the ability to deliver accurate full-auto burst fire.

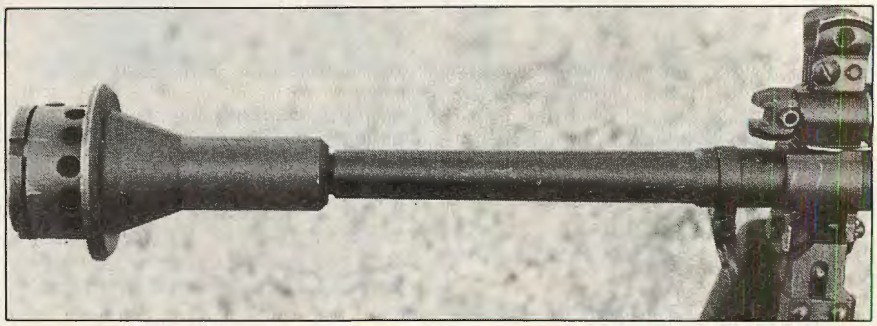
The Australian version of the FAL, called the L1A1, was manufactured at the Lithgow Ordnance Factory in New South Wales. Initial deliveries to the Australian military forces began in 1959. During that same time frame, a heavy-barrel variant, known as the L2A1, was developed. It was intended to offer a high sustained-fire capability in its role as a squad automatic weapon. The L2A1 was a loser from day one.

The weapon was provided with a heavier barrel and chromium-plated bore and chamber, a 30-round-capacity magazine, a folding bipod fitted with wooden inserts to serve as a handguard when firing off-hand, an altered carrying handle to accommodate the change in the center of gravity, a modified selector lever to permit full-auto fire and a modified front-sight retention system.

The weight was 15 pounds, 4 ounces, with a full 30-round magazine. The weapon was supposed to be capable of delivering a high rate of aimed fire in the semiauto or full-auto modes at ranges up to 600 meters, sustained fire in two- to three-round bursts and continuous bursts of up to 30 rounds.

The 30-round magazine was abandoned almost immediately. It was clumsy to use in this caliber, caused excess friction on the working parts which depleted the gas power reserve and hindered ground clearance in the prone position.

More important, it was soon discovered that the L2A1 did not meet accuracy requirements at longer ranges in the full-auto mode. In addition, the weapon was difficult to control during automatic fire. None of which is very surprising. Functional performance, even with 20-round magazines, continued to be marginal, with gas settings 1 and 2 often required on some weapons.



Bizarre muzzle stabilizer fitted to the Australian L2A1 Heavy barrel FAL was a last ditch, desperate attempt to fulfill the squad automatic role (author's collection). Photo: Peter G. Kokalis

The L2A1 was uncomfortable to hold and difficult to control, partly because the 30-round magazine necessitated 12¼-inch bipod legs (as opposed to only about 9½ inches for the BAR and Bren). This induced needless strain on the firer's neck from the higher head position required in the prone position. The bipod legs were not adjustable.

When folded, the bipod did not permit firm control of the weapon in the various assault positions. Nor did it provide adequate protection from a hot barrel. In any event, who can deliver accurate aimed fire with a 15-pound rifle in the standing position?

During sustained fire, because the L2A1 fires from a closed bolt and possessed no hold-open, the chance of a "cook-off" was high.

In the prone position, lack of control in full-auto fire sequences was further aggravated by excessive backward and upward movement of the below-center-line buttstock and over-torque during passage of the bullet up the rifling in a weapon too light for the caliber in the intended role. All this led to successive shots in a burst spreading progressively low left.

In desperation, during the early 1970s, an experimental muzzle device was fitted to the L2A1 barrel. Not standard-issue and never fielded, no more than several hundred were ever produced (personal communication: Blake Stevens). Built something like the blast cone on a gas-assisted, recoil-operated machine gun, this bizarre appendage has a series of ports drilled into the left side. The stabilizer works, as the tendency for rounds to spread to the left is reduced somewhat. But at what expense? The stabilizer adds another pound to the weapon's muzzle end, making the L2A1 more cumbersome and awkward to carry and use than before. Yet, two important criteria for a successful squad automatic are still conspicuous by their absence: belt-fed capability and a quick-change barrel.

Those who insist on placing big bores in small packages do not give up easily. Logic and reason have never been counted among their strong suits. In another 17 years the rest of us will have to drag them, kicking and screaming, into the 21st century. As for the Australians, they gave up on the L2A1 long ago and adopted the M60 GPMG, a more appropriate envelope for the 7.62mm NATO cartridge.

Australian L2A1 FALs with this unusual muzzle stabilizer are available in almost new condition for $895 to qualified Class 3 dealers and law enforcement agencies from Armex International (Dept. SOF, P.O. Box 252, Broderick, CA 95605). Those who find the device esthetically unappealing may replace it with the standard L1A1 flash-hider, available from Ontario Gun and Tackle (Dept. SOF, Box 1000, Ontario POK 1MO, Canada). They carry a complete line of spare parts (but most assuredly not full-auto parts) and accessories for the entire FN FAL family of weapons.

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SHULTZ ON MIAS...

U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz requested the assistance of five ASEAN states — Thailand, Malaysia, the Philippines, Indonesia and Singapore — in getting information about the 2,494 American servicemen still listed as MIA from the Vietnam War.

Shultz said, "We have intelligence information that suggests that the remains of quite a sizable number are in hand and have not been turned over to us." Accusing the Vietnamese of "cruel and heartless" actions, he asked the ASEAN nations for assistance in working through official channels to locate the remains of the MIAs.

When asked if the United States would support a plan by former Green Beret James "Bo" Gritz if it had a reasonable chance of success to get information on the MIAs, Shultz replied, "The answer is very unlikely, but these things would have to be looked upon case by case."

BIG MAC ATTACKS PENDLETON...

McDonald's famous Golden Arches were recently raised over the USMC's Camp Pendleton. This experimental contract was proposed by the local Marine exchange to give the thousands of hungry Leathernecks at Pendleton a break from typical Marine *food.* SOF's former Marines, Jim Graves and Bob Poos — both Camp LeJeune graduates — lament: Pendleton was never tough enough to turn out "real" Marines.

SALVADORAN TURNAROUND...

SOF sources in San Salvador report that there are increasing signs of a significant change in the Salvadoran war. The Salvo Army, which at best had been holding its ground and at worst had been pulling back in the face of leftist campaigns, now appears to be engaging in more successful counter-insurgency tactics.

More Salvadoran units have been taken out of barracks and put into the field. On a single day, U.S. officers counted 74 Salvadoran battalions in the field — a record.

Government troops, either regular or civil-defense forces, have begun staying in areas they have cleared, preventing the guerrillas from immediately reoccupying the areas.

Larger units are being broken into smaller units, which can move faster and can respond more aggressively to attacks.

Efforts are being made to rebuild the economies in war-ravaged areas, which with the presence of government troops, bolsters the people's optimism in the government.

The Salvadoran Army still faces mighty problems, not the least of which is the quality of the guerrilla fighters, who are battle-wise and hardened. But marked improvement has been made in the past few months, and with increased U.S.-provided training in El Salvador, Honduras and the United States, the situation in El Salvador could turn around even more quickly.

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In a unanimous decision, the Court noted that "military discipline would be undermined by a judicially created remedy exposing officers to personal liability at the hands of those they are charged to command. No military organization can function without strict discipline and regulation that would be unacceptable in a civilian setting."

UNITA CAPTURES CUBANS...

Joseph Savimbi's UNITA troops have captured a Cuban Army lieutenant and several of his men and are willing to exchange them for political prisoners held in Cuba, according to SOF contact in Miami, Jay Mallin.

The Cuban officer, Lt. Adolfo Estevez, 34, left Cuba 10 January 1983 as part of a 1,500-man contingent that arrived in Angola's Huambo Province four days later. On 12 March UNITA fighters ambushed a five-vehicle caravan that was commanded by Estevez. Thirteen Cuban soldiers were killed and the lieutenant and several of his men were captured.

Savimbi sent a message to *Miami Herald* columnist Tomas Regalado stating: "We are ready to exchange for Cuban political prisoners the Cuban soldiers that we hold. Castro has the next word."

For more information on the role of Cubans in Angola, see Rick Venable's two-part "Appointment in Angola" and "Inside Free Angola," SOF, June-July '83.

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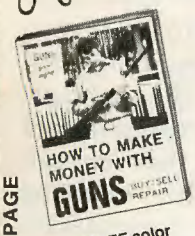

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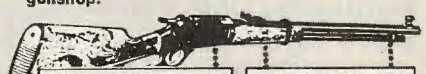

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PERILOUS PARALLEL: EL SALVADOR AND VIETNAM

by Richard M. Nixon

THERE are chilling parallels between what is happening in El Salvador and what happened in Vietnam.

In both cases, the myth that what is involved is simply a civil war with guerrilla forces armed with pitchforks and a few weapons captured from the government has been exploded. In Vietnam, we now know from the North Vietnamese themselves that the Soviet Union was the primary arms supplier to the guerrillas in South Vietnam. In El Salvador, it has been clearly established that the guerrillas are primarily armed with Soviet-bloc weapons funneled through Cuba, Nicaragua and Libya.

In El Salvador, as was the case in Vietnam, the government is charged with corruption and repression — not enough land reform, too little justice, unfair elections, too little freedom.

In El Salvador as in Vietnam, demands are being made that the government negotiate and share power with the communists before elections scheduled for December. It is hard to understand that those who profess to be liberals support the proposition that bullets and not ballots should decide who governs the country.

There are, of course, differences. Vietnam was far away and El Salvador is only five missile minutes away. Those who could not see the strategic importance of the Straits of Malacca generally recognize the vital necessity of keeping the Panama Canal from falling under communist control.

An even bigger difference is that in Vietnam, outside forces intervened in massive numbers. Twenty divisions from North Vietnam participated in the final communist offensive, which led to the fall of Saigon. In El Salvador, the guerrillas are receiving Soviet-bloc arms but as yet no outside combat forces have intervened. This explains why no U.S. combat troops are in El Salvador and why none need be sent there.

Today, there is strong support in Congress for massive cutbacks in President Reagan's arms request for El Salvador. Major arguments in support of this proposal are that the government is corrupt, repressive and inefficient and that by aligning ourselves with a losing cause we may become mired in another Vietnam. Before making that decision, Congress should remind itself of what happened in Vietnam.

THE last American combat forces left Vietnam 10 years ago after the signing of the Paris Peace Agreement on January 27, 1973. That agreement provided that the government forces and the communist forces in South Vietnam would be allowed to maintain their arms strength at equal levels. Between 1973 and 1975, Congress cut the arms budget for South Vietnam by 76 percent. The Soviet Union, on the other hand, doubled its shipments of arms to North Vietnam. It is not surprising that in 1975 the North Vietnamese, with a four-to-one advantage in tanks and heavy artillery, rolled into Saigon.

What followed was one of the great tragedies of history. The "liberators" brought ruthless tyranny. Under the Thieu government there were some elections, some opposition, some freedom. Now there is none. There was some economic progress. Now, abject poverty. There were no boat people before the communists took over. Now 110,000 fleeing their liberators have drowned in the China Sea. Hundreds of thousands have been tortured and killed in "re-education" camps. In Cambodia alone over three million have been murdered and starved to death — more than all those lost in battle by the French, South Vietnamese and Americans in the 30 years they fought to prevent a communist takeover.

The choice now is clear. The Congress can approve President Reagan's request or reduce it below the level needed by the Salvadoran government to defeat the guerrillas. If they oppose the president's request they can justify their action by proclaiming that they are preventing the United States from getting bogged down in another Vietnam. But they cannot escape the responsibility for what happens thereafter. When we get out, the communists will move in.

IF El Salvador becomes another Soviet base in Central America, it will be because Castro, Khadafy, the Soviets and the Sandinistas were willing to do more for the communist guerrillas than we were willing to do for the anti-communist government.

There were plenty of excuses for the Vietnam debacle. Some blamed Thieu. Some blamed Watergate. And in a shameful exercise

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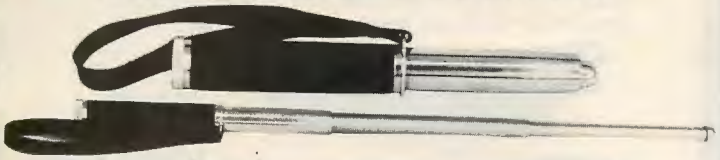

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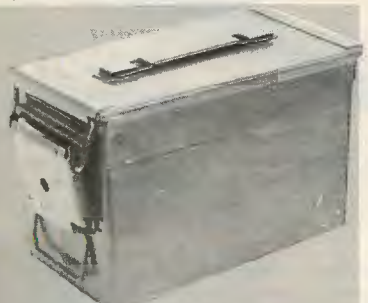

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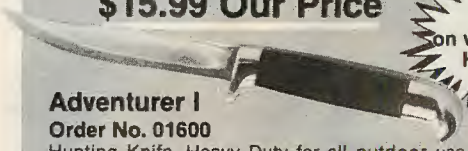

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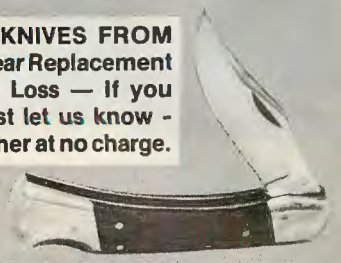

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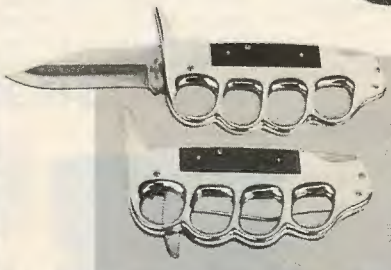

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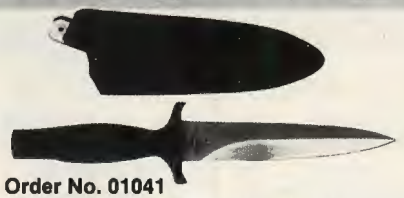

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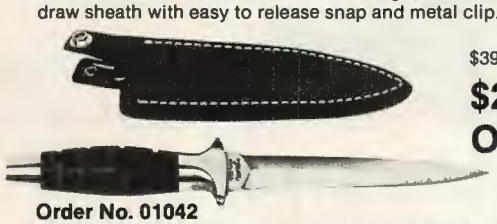

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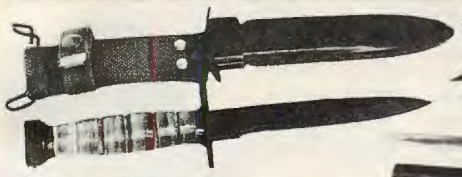

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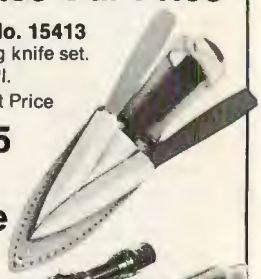

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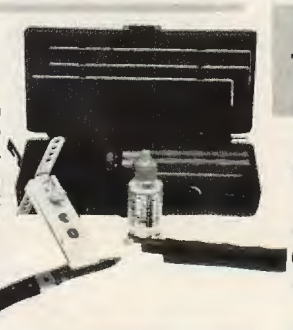

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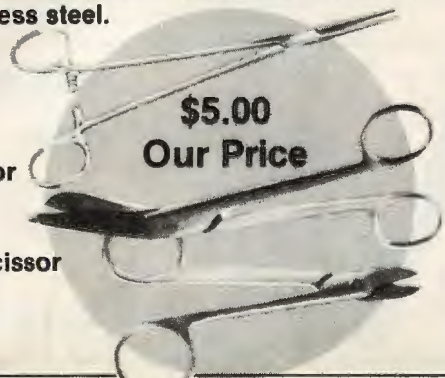

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ONE OLD SOLDIER FADES AWAY

Jeep's Ho-Hum Replacement

by Smith Hempstone

A N old soldier that has served its country well is going into retirement: the Jeep.

The Jeep, which was developed in the late 1930s and came into its own during WWII — when one was produced every 90 seconds — has proved phenomenally durable. The Jeep can ford streams, climb a 60-degree slope and accelerate from zero to 30 miles per hour in six seconds. To destroy a Jeep, you virtually have to drive it off a cliff.

A liberated (unauthorized) Jeep was a pearl beyond price in combat zones. When the Marines fought their way out of North Korea's Chosin Reservoir, they brought with them many Jeeps abandoned by fleeing U.S. Army units. These were repainted in Marine colors, given new identification numbers and served to spirit those who had access to them on many an unauthorized liberty.

A Jeep could be traded — but seldom was — for many big-ticket items such as generators, crates of whiskey and the fleece-lined jackets issued to tank troops.

Our company of Marines boasted both a

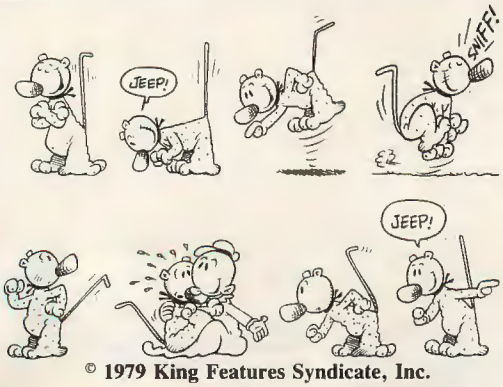
FROM FRONT LINE TO DEADLINE

Smith Hempstone brought SOF readers a front-line report from Angola two years ago when he visited Jonas Savimbi's UNITA (National Union for the Total Liberation of Angola) forces in the field (see "The War the World Forgot," SOF, July, August '81).

Now executive editor of the *Washington Times*, Hempstone served as a Marine infantry platoon leader under the legendary Lewis B. "Chesty" Puller in the First Marine Regiment, Fifth Marine Division, during the Korean War.

The author made the fighting retreat from the Chosin Reservoir in December 1950 — and, as this article shows, his company also carried two rather large pieces of buried treasure with them.

— M.L. Jones



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WHATCHMACALLIT TWO KLICKS

by SAM Magazine Staff

Take your choice on how the jeep got its name.

One tale is that it came from a slurring of the abbreviation "GP," short for General Purpose vehicle.

Another story is that the name was borrowed from an animal character called the Jeep in the "Popeye" comic strip.

The military doesn't officially worry about any of this, calling the vehicle "M151" and designating it as a "truck." The military has always had a flair for turning a phrase.

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liberated Jeep and an unauthorized weapons carrier. Neither seemed to suffer from our practice of burying them to escape detection whenever a general made an inspection.

The Jeep, like its British cousin, the short-wheel-based Land Rover, can turn on a dime, double as a weapons platform and jolt along — it seemed to its riders to be innocent of either springs or shock absorbers — at speeds of up to 60 mph with a 1,200-pound payload.

The Army will start replacing its 114,000 jeeps in December 1984 with what some poet has designated as the High-Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle, or HMMWV (pronounced HUMM-vee). The troops — who have been testing it in the rugged mountains and desert at Hunter Liggett Military Reservation in California — call it the "Hummer."

Theoretically at least, the Hummer will be able to do everything the Jeep does so well, and do it better. And if you believe that, you will believe anything.

Army and Marine specifications call for the Hummer to carry a 2,500-pound payload, run on flat tires for 30 miles, climb grades steeper than 30 degrees, ford streams five feet deep and accelerate from zero to 30 mph in six to eight seconds. But in deference to the limited learning skills of the Category 4 soldiers of the volunteer Army, the Hummer has an automatic transmission rather than the Jeep's conventional four-on-the-floor stick shift and uses diesel fuel rather than gasoline.

But an internal Defense Department report, leaked to the press in June by the Project on Military Procurement — a Washington-based group concerned with defense spending — shows the Hummer isn't humming. The 11 Hummers, driven more than 20,000 miles in the California tests, broke down on an average of every 367 miles. Breakdowns ranged from major — engine, transmission and drive-train failure — to less disabling — suspension, engine-mount, body and body-mount failure.

Test results are so bad, in fact, that American Motors, the machine's contractor, announced the proposal of "specific design changes" that had been "accepted by the Army after careful analysis by their own engineering personnel."

The Jeep, while it could and did double as a communications vehicle, ambulance and weapons carrier, *was* cramped. The Hummer is roomier, and will replace not only the quarter-ton Jeep but the M880 truck and the 1¼-ton Gama Goat, which will eliminate the need for different spares.

But at $20,000 per copy, the Hummer will cost almost twice the $13,000 the Army now pays for its Jeeps.

What's more, who can say whether larcenous soldiers will be able to bury a Hummer when generals come to call, and then drive it away none the worse for wear? ☠

TV and movie war stories would be lost without Jeeps — here Alan Alda takes off for a M*A*S*H rerun. Photo: Twentieth Century-Fox Television

G.I. JARGON
Vietnam War Wordbook

by Thomas Edwards

ACUTE ENVIRONMENTAL REACTION: Vietnam-era psychiatrists used this term to replace "shell shock" or "battle fatigue," since it seemed more modern than terms used in previous wars. Troops called the condition "going batshit" — somehow a more accurately descriptive, human phrase than the other terms.

AIRBORNE UNASSIGNED: Sometimes known as the "the death sentence." It referred to a soldier who was a qualified paratrooper but sent to Vietnam without assignment to a specific unit. When he arrived in-country, he was sent to the airborne unit that needed him most, usually one that had suffered the heaviest casualties prior to his arrival.

For example, if the 173rd Airborne Brigade had been in heavy action and suffered a lot of losses on an operation, most "airborne unassigned" personnel would go to the 173rd to try to bring the brigade back up to strength. Airborne units had a reputation for fighting, so the "death sentence" tag is self-explanatory.

ALL AFRICAN: The Third Brigade, 82nd Airborne, U.S. Army.

THE ANN-MARGRET PICTURE: A widely circulated, highly prized possession of troops in 'Nam. The photo of the entertainer was taken during a show at Bien Hoa. Taken from in front and slightly below stage level, the picture cuts her off below the knees. She is shown singing, her arms outstretched, with the band fuzzily seen in the background. In the photo she appears to be nude from the waist down with a shaved pubis. The explanation: She was wearing very tight, light-colored Capri pants and the black-and-white picture created the nude effect.

After long deprivation of the company of round-eyed women soldiers completely disregarded this logical explanation. Instead they treasured the photo for its erotic stimulation.

ARA: Aerial Rocket Artillery. ARA used rocket-armed helicopters in the same manner that conventional artillery was employed. It was usually extremely accurate since the person who fired the rockets visually sighted his target, unlike artillery, which is fired from miles away.

ARC LIGHT: What B-52 bombing strikes were called. The huge bombers flew at such high altitudes that they were often invisible to those on the ground. When the bombs were salvoed, the ground shook — it felt like an earthquake, complete with ominous rumbling — and the sky turned blue-white with the glare and flash of explosions. Arc lights did almost unbelievable amounts of damage, devastating wide areas of countryside.

A story is told of the scout pilot who, while flying over the scene of a recent arc light just south of the DMZ, found a survivor. The man was totally naked, clutching the splintered stock of an AK, and staggering through the moon-cratered landscape. The Loach pilot came to a hover and then moved closer to the man, his gunner keeping the M60 on the man's chest. The man seemed unaware of the Loach. Blood flowed from his ears, eyes, nose and mouth. There was no telling what other damage concussion had done.

The Loach pilot actually placed one of his landing skids atop the gook's head, but the man paid it no mind and staggered on. After watching for a minute more, the man was gunned down. It had been a mercy killing.

Arc lights were sometimes known as SPLINTER MISSIONS as well, since they reduced whole forests to splintered wood.

ASIAN TWO-STEP: The nickname of the krait, a highly poisonous blue-gray viper. Allegedly, if a krait bit you, death would occur before you could take two steps.

A popular story of a krait encounter concerned a tunnel rat who was checking out a VC tunnel complex, armed with a .45 and a flashlight. As he crawled along, he found what he thought was a cable. He jerked it and pulled an eight-foot krait back toward him. The snake was as surprised as the soldier, but the GI recovered first and beat the snake to death with his flashlight.

Other stories told of finding frozen kraits aboard aircraft. Supposedly, the snakes had crawled on board and frozen when the planes got to high altitude.

Kraits were just one more thing that made 'Nam so interesting.

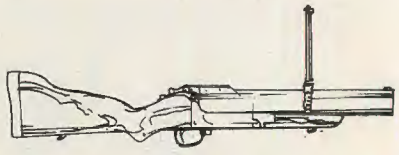
BEEHIVE: An artillery round that contains flechettes or steel balls.

BELIEVER: A dead enemy: "We made a believer out of him."

BLADDER BIRD: A C-123 or C-130 tanker aircraft equipped with rubberized collapsible drums.

Also called a COW or FLYING COW.

BLOODY ONE: First U.S. Infantry Division, U.S. Army.



BLOOP GUN (OR BLOOPER): Marine Corps slang for the M79 grenade launcher. The M79 fired 40mm grenade rounds and looked like an oversized single-barreled shotgun. It was particularly effective for close-in fighting.

A bloop gun was a Mattel toy that fired ping-ping balls and the M79 somewhat resembled it. "Blook" was a pretty good approximation of the sound the M79 made when it was fired. The same weapon was known to the Army as a CHUNKER.

"BOMB THEM BACK TO THE STONE AGE!" Gen. Curtis LeMay's solution to the Vietnam problem. As past head of the Air Force's Strategic Air Command, he know that the United States had

the capability to do just that. In the more hawk-like days of the war, Gen. LeMay's suggestion was felt to have some merit. Some believe it still does.

BOO COO (BEAUCOUP) DINKY DAU: Bastardized Vietnamese meaning, "You are very, very crazy." After some weeks in 'Nam, it was a pretty apt description of most U.S. troops' mental state.

As one ex-paratrooper pointed out, "Serving in 'Nam was like being parachuted into an insane asylum. You knew you were okay, but you had to act as crazy as everyone else to keep them from turning on you." Dinky dau. Right.

BRAVO: The Army Military Occupation Specialty (MOS) that classified the infantry rifleman: 11B20 was a basic rifleman; an 11B2P was an infantryman who was airborne-qualified, the P standing for parachutist.

A full MOS was always said number by number, as in "one one B two P"; the short-hand was always "eleven Bravo." It was 0311 in the Marines.

BREAKING BAD: Hassling someone. A soldier who continually fouled up in the field, or caused danger to his friends, would have them break bad on him to get him to straighten up. A stern NCO or officer would be breaking bad if he harassed his troops. Of course, it was also possible to break bad on the VC — you killed them.

BRING SMOKE: (Smoke-bringer) A bad ass.

BRO: Short for "brother." It was a term of deep friendship and indicated that the men using it were tight and could depend on one another. Used mostly among black troopers.

BROWN BAR (BUTTER BAR): The insignia of a second lieutenant, who wore a single gold bar. The full-color insignia was yellow (butter) when sewn on fatigues, or brown if the embroidered insignia was subdued. Brown-bar lieutenants, the lowest ranking officers, and by tradition stupid, were not accorded a great deal of respect until they had proven themselves in combat. The Navy equivalent of second lieutenant, an ensign, wore the same collar insignia as the Army and Marines, but was known as a "nugget."

ACTIVE ARCHIVIST

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Edwards was discharged as an E-5 in 1968 and entered the University of Tennessee, earning a degree in business administration. He then joined the Navy and was commissioned after completing Aviation Officer's School at Pensacola, Fla. He then attended flight school.

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BUFF: A water buffalo, the Asian animal of all work. Buffs were extremely valuable property and their loss or destruction could devastate a man's means of livelihood.

Unfortunately, the VC and NVA used buffs as pack animals and, for that reason, they became military targets. As such, the animals were strafed, rocketed, shot or bombed on sight. Their destruction would be analogous to a Kansas farmer's having his John Deere or pick-up truck attacked every time he took it out of the barn. A Vietnamese peasant could watch his whole future go up as his buff went down.

Also WATERBULL or WATER BOO.

BUFF was also an acronym for "big, ugly, fat fucker," a name for the B-52 strategic bomber, a huge, eight-engine jet.

BUSH HUMPING (HUMPING THE BUSH): Being out in the field on combat operations. It was patrolling, ambushing, living, fighting, being hurt or killed in some of the world's most inhospitable country while being burdened like a pack animal.

To "hump" something was to carry it. The infantry often felt that they were carrying the war and in a sense they were. Their lot was miserable, but they took a perverse pride in it.

CHARLEY MED: Third Medical Battalion, whose Navy doctors and nurses and medical corpsmen took care of wounded Marines. Charley Med was first located in Da Nang and then moved to Dong Ha.

CHEAP CHARLIES: GIs who refused to spend a lot of money on Vietnamese bar girls. For the girls such a refusal was extremely humiliating and the cheap-Charlie tag was routinely followed by much choicer expletives.

Cheap Charlie's was also the nickname for a popular restaurant in Saigon.

CHECKING OUT: The word had two meanings. One, you were looking something over closely.

The other meant dying. When you were killed, you "checked out" of life, just like leaving a Holiday Inn.

CHERRY: A person new to Vietnam and just starting a tour. In the civilian world a virgin was often known as a cherry, and it was only natural that a virgin to combat should be called a cherry as well.

CHRIS NOEL: Host of an AFVN radio show, beamed to troops to bring them a touch of rock 'n' roll. Chris was the ultimate California girl, tan and blonde with a sultry voice. She played Top 40 music but also did requests and dedications, which made her very popular. She was silly and amateurish, kind of like your high school sweetheart would be if she had to do a radio show, and that endeared her to countless GIs.

Chris also toured in Vietnam and it was generally conceded that she looked even better than she sounded.

Ah, on those hot nights to hear that little-girl voice saying, "Here's the Rolling Stones' 'Satisfaction,' going out for Johnny and the first squad, second platoon, Charlie Company, Second of the Seventh, First Air Cavalry...." It made you feel like somebody, man.

CLUSTER FUCK: Any scene of mass confusion. Many people, all trying to do the same thing at once in a confined space is a good example of a cluster fuck.

CHINESE FIRE DRILL: A cluster fuck with much screaming and shouting.

A COLD MOTHERFUCKER: A person who can handle unpleasant tasks, such as combat or killing, with no visible emotion. Coldness was a valued trait and cold motherfuckers could usually be depended upon in desperate situations. The coldest motherfuckers were often loners who operated deep in enemy territory. Stories were told of men who disappeared into the jungle, loaded with ammunition and weapons, and returned days later with the ammo gone and a string of ears to confirm their kills.

Some units, because of the nature of their work, attracted cold motherfuckers. Rangers, LRRPs, Recon Marines and Navy SEALs had more than their share. In the reversed-values world of Vietnam, "cold motherfucker" was a prized accolade.

COLLATERAL DAMAGE: That occurring in other than the specified target area. If an attack on a truck convoy also flattened a village, the damage to the village was collateral damage.

CRISPY CRITTERS: Originally the name of a sugar-coated breakfast cereal. With typical GI wit and flair, the name was used to describe what napalm attacks left behind. All the shrivelled, fire-blackened former human beings and animals were known as "crispy critters." Few other terms of military slang were as accurately descriptive.

CYCLO GIRL: An insult that one Vietnamese woman would use to another. Cyclos were similar to rickshaws and a girl who pulled one was looked down on. When bar girls argued, they often called one another cyclo girls, and fights would ensue. Prostitution was not considered a reprehensible occupation, but any low-paying job that didn't allow the wearing of fancy clothes was. In Vietnam it was degrading to pull people around but not to jerk them off.

DEAD SPACE: Terrain that is safe from exposure to gun fire. If a machine gun is situated on a hillside so that its muzzle cannot be depressed enough to sweep the area directly below it, that area becomes dead space.

DI DI MAU: Vietnamese for "Get the hell out",or "getting the hell out." Often it was simply shortened to "di di," pronounced DD.

DOGGIE STRAPS: Pack suspenders used by the Army. Wider across the shoulders and more comfortable than those used by the Marines, doggie straps were much prized by Marine grunts. Doggie was short for "dogface," the old nickname for Army troops.

DUST-OFF: Nickname for medical-evacuation helicopters or medevac missions.

E & E: Escape and Evasion. Military personnel, particularly aviators, went through courses to familiarize them with methods of avoiding capture or escaping from the enemy if they were caught.

E & E was hampered in Vietnam by the fact that occidentals were fighting in an oriental war. A six-foot, blond, blue-eyed, shot-down aviator had a lot of trouble blending in with a lot of brown-skinned, slant-eyed people whose average height was five feet two inches.

ELECTRIC STRAWBERRY: Nickname for the shoulder patch worn by members of the 25th Division, the "Tropic Lightning" Division of World War II fame. A leaf design in red, the patch was outlined in yellow and had a yellow lightning bolt on it. The design did somewhat resemble a strawberry and, of course, the lightning bolt made the whole thing "electric."

The division's home was in Hawaii, and sometimes the patch was called the "Hawaii Power and Light."

The official Army name for the division was "Tropic Lightning," considerably more awe-inspiring than its Vietnam *nick*-names.

FAN BELTS: Rubber whips cut from old tires. North Vietnamese guards used them on American POWs during their frequent torture campaigns to extract statements or gain cooperation. The usual method of employment was to have the POW spread-eagled face down on the floor with guards in each corner of the room. The guards would then lunge forward in turn, bringing the fan belts up from the heels, to whip the prisoner. After a few blows, the prisoner's back, buttocks and upper thighs resembled purple hamburger. The fan belts were also used to strike kneeling POWs in the face. Few POWs could hold out against such punishment.

The fact that such barbarous tools had to be used to break the captured men speaks highly of their courage and illustrates North Vietnam's "humane and lenient" treatment.

FNG: Abbreviation for fucking new guy, someone who had just arrived in-country.

FRAG: To kill an unpopular officer or NCO.

FTA: Fuck the Army.

FUCKSTICK: Used interchangeably with prick; both meant the same thing.

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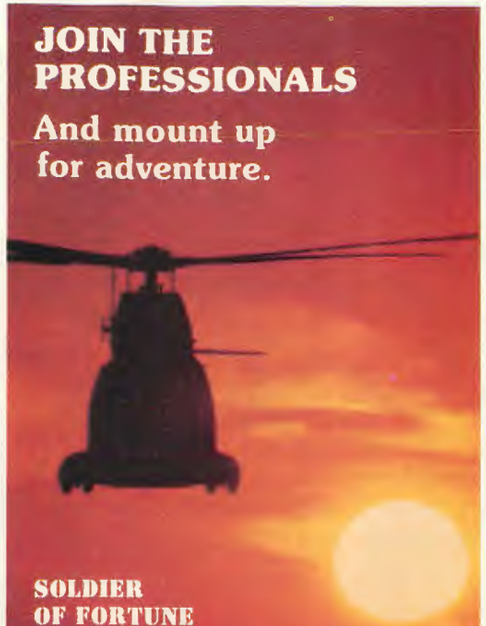

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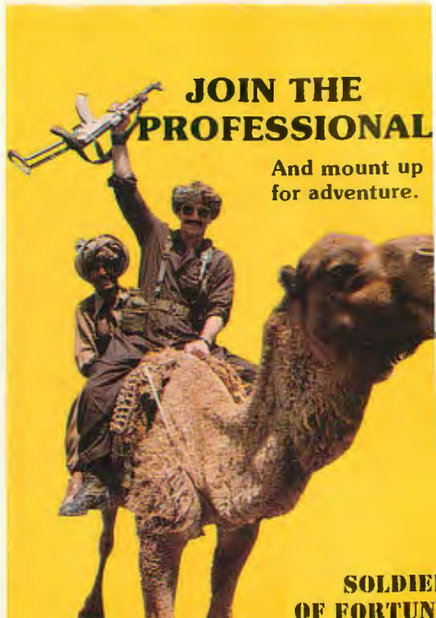


GETTING SHORT: When a man's tour was coming to an end, he was "getting short." Troops hated going out on combat operations when they were getting short.

GETTING WET: Slang used by the Navy SEALs. It meant killing someone from close enough to get his blood on you. Taking care of a sentry with a knife would be a good example of getting wet. It was rather like "making your bones" in the Mafia, an initiation of sorts. One ex-SEAL said that their business was essentially terrorism and getting wet was a part of it.

GHOST: To take off, take it easy in a unit. A trooper who is shirking his duty or doing nothing.

GOING TO THE WOODS: Slang for going out on combat operations. Remember the fairy tales? Something bad was always happening to people in the woods.

GRUNT: An infantryman.

HAM AND MOTHERFUCKERS: Name for that C-ration culinary delight, ham and lima beans. Generally considered to be the worst of the Cs, there was usually at least one person in the outfit who liked them and would trade his other meals for them. Such a person was a rare find; someone that stupid, or at least lacking even the rudiments of taste, was an asset.

HARD CHARGER: A soldier who was aggressive and eager to accomplish any task he was assigned. It was not necessarily complimentary.

HOG: nickname for the first heavily armed Huey gunships. Hogs provided close support for ground troops and protection for the more lightly armored troop-carrying helicopters.

HORSE BLANKET: The First Air Cavalry Division patch.

INCOMING: Artillery, mortar or rocket fire directed at you by the enemy. Things we fired at the enemy were "outgoing." Anyone who had ever been exposed to enemy fire could usually identify incoming by its sound. Such rapid identification could lead to one surviving some hard lessons.

IN DEEP SHIT: In big trouble. The Marines at Khe Sanh during the siege were in deep shit. It meant hanging on by one's fingertips. Army slang.

Marines called it IN THE HURT LOCKER.

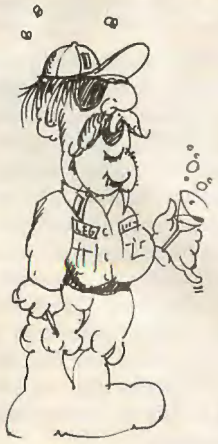
JAMMIN' JENNY: Nickname for the M16 rifle used by infantry troops in Vietnam. Allegedly, all you had to do was look harshly at the weapon and it would jam. There were rumors that the VC wouldn't even pick them up from the dead because of their reputation.

Because the weapon was new and untested in combat, there were bugs that had to be worked out (the troops didn't know it but the problem was the ammunition). The M16 was light and hard-hitting; its 5.56mm high-velocity slug did incredible damage when it struck. First introduced in 1965, the weapon is used by armies the world over and is the standard U.S. infantry weapon.

JOHN WAYNE-ING: The derisive term used to describe anyone's performance of a combat task in a showy or "heroic" manner. Volunteering to knock out a VC machine-gun nest that has a squad under fire would be an example. That is not to say that heroism was looked down on; indeed, it was admired, but one had to have a certain amount of style about it.

Anyone bragging of his fearlessness in battle was also John Wayne-ing. The origin of the term is self-explanatory. Grunts felt that mock heroics or phoniness belonged in the movies. Anyone thought to be trying to win the war all by himself was automatically a "John Wayne." In a certain sense the term was a compliment to the actor. Heroism, no matter what its form, was associated with him.

LBJ: The Long Binh Jail. If a man ran afoul of the military law in Vietnam, he could wind up in that prison. It had a reputation for strict discipline and hard confinement. LBJ was a place to avoid at all costs. The threat of doing time in LBJ was very real indeed; being in combat was preferable.



LEG: A shortened form of the contemptuous "straight-leg," used to identify a soldier who was not airborne-qualified. Leg was used as an adjective to identify units as well. A non-airborne unit was known as a "leg outfit," and it was generally known (by paratroops) that such units were not renowned for fighting ability or sharpness.

The fact that airborne troopers had a derisive term for other soldiers helped to instill in them a sense of their own eliteness. The term, by the way, originated in WWII with the first paratroopers. When paratroopers are preparing to land, they bend their knees. A non-jumper was thus a "straight leg."

LOACH ALLEY: A stretch of the Saigon River east of Lai Khe, the 1st Infantry Division's home, and west of Cu Chi, base camp of the 25th Infantry Division. It received its name from the high losses suffered by scout helicopters that patrolled it. The scouts were primarily OH-6s, an LOH (light observation helicopter) in Army parlance, commonly known as "loaches"; hence the name.

NO CHANCE OUTSIDE: Widely reputed to be the true meaning of the letters NCO. It explained why a man became a lifer, a career man, in the military. Since a man did not often reach noncommissioned officer rank in one term of service, whether it be a two- or three-year tour, the term might have had some validity for those who chose not to view the military as a worthwhile profession.

NON-BATTLE CASUALTIES: Those attributed to accidents or natural causes. Injuries or death that occurred anywhere except in actual conflict were non-battle. Suicide would be an example.

To lower casualty figures, people who were wounded in battle but died later at hospitals after treatment were termed non-battle and thus were not counted in the losses reported to the American public.

NO TEA, NO TALK, NO MONEY, NO HONEY: Rule of the Vietnamese bar girls. The "tea" was Saigon tea, a non-alchoholic, very expensive drink that GIs were expected to purchase for the girls. Such a purchase would let the girls "talk," and among the things discussed was price. A GI with "no money" was, of course, not allowed to sample the girl's "honey."

Simple, no?

NUOC MAM: Vietnam's all-purpose condiment. It was, quite simply, fermented fish sauce that was made at home. It was manufactured by putting out a layer of fish, spreading salt over it and repeating this process until there were about 10 layers of fish and salt. Then it was allowed to rot in the sun for about three weeks as a greasy, oily liquid ran off into bowls. Second Lt. Fred Downs said in his book, *The Killing Zone,* "We could smell it downwind for three klicks. I hadn't been sure that the people really ate it." But they did, even on fruit. It was known to GIs as "armpit sauce" because of its aroma.

ONE-OH-WORST: The 101st Airborne Division, U.S. Army. Also known as the Puking Buzzards.

ON THE BLOCK (BACK ON THE BLOCK): Where everyone longed to be, but the phrase had derogatory connotations too. If a man did things in the field in a casual, indifferent or civilian manner (all of which could lead to death or wounding), he was said to be acting like he was "back on the block."

PISS TUBE: Mortar. So called because the two resemble each other.

The mortar is the more dangerous of the two — and it smells worse when fired.

POISON IVY: The 4th Division patch.

PSYCHEDELIC COOKIE: The 9th Division patch.

R AND R: Rest and Recreation. R&R was usually awarded to troops after they had spent about six months in-country — if they survived that long.

It consisted of a week-long all-expense vacation to such exotic places as Singapore, Bangkok, Hong Kong, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia and Australia.

REMF: Rear-echelon motherfucker. Self-explanatory term used by front-line troops.

RETURN WITH HONOR: The motto of the 4th Allied POW Wing, formed in Hanoi's Camp Unity in 1971. The wing, which organized the POWs into squadrons, was commanded by Col. John P. Flynn of the Air Force who was shot down on 27 October 1967.

ROCK 'N' ROLL: Full-auto fire.

SHAKE 'N' BAKE: An NCO school graduate.

SHIT HOOK: Nickname for the Army's CH-47 Chinook helicopter. The twin-rotored helicopter could carry heavy loads suspended underneath in slings and about 45 armed troops. They weren't very popular at the smaller firebases.

SNEAKY PETES: Special Forces.

SPAD: A1E Skyraider ground-support planes. Spads were flown mostly by the Vietnamese Air Force and the American First Air Commando Squadron.

Spads were a favorite support aircraft of infantrymen because they were heavily armed and their pilots were, to a man, daring and would come in low and slow to deliver their ordnance upon the enemy. The name "Spad" was taken from a WWI fighter plane.

SPOOKY: A gunned-up C-47.

THUNDER ROAD: Highway 13, RVN.

TIN POT: Steel helmet.

TV SUITS: Fancy tailormade uniforms worn by some news correspondents, especially TV crews, who were the highest-paid newsmen in Vietnam. Combat correspondents seldom wore them. These uniforms were seen mostly in Saigon.

244D & 245T: The chemical agents used in the Operation Ranch Hand defoliation flights. They are more commonly known as Agent Orange.

UNCLE SAM'S MISGUIDED CHILDREN: The U.S. Marines, USMC.

UUUU: Often written on helmet covers or flak jackets, the four Us stood for: "We the Unwilling, led by the Unqualified, doing the Unnecessary for the Ungrateful." A good indicator of troop morale.

WHITE MICE: Derogatory term applied to the Vietnamese police, who usually wore white uniforms.

ZAP: To kill.

A synonym for TO WASTE.

THE Z: Supposed demilitarized zone dividing North and South Vietnam. The North Vietnamese moved into it early in the war. The Marines followed them a little later, first on Operation Hastings (see "Three Battles, Part *1*," *SOF*, July '83) and then Prairie.

This Vietnam War glossary was first compiled by Thomas Edwards, then modified and added to by Jim Graves, Bob Poos and Bill Brooks. It should bring back some fond or perhaps not so fond memories. Enjoy. — The Eds.

Glittering Sterlings usually are gold: (top to bottom) 22k gold-plated Mk6 semiauto, full-auto suppressed Mk5 SMG, Mk4 SMG and more modestly priced chrome-plated Mk4.

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STERLING GOLD

Text & Photos
by Peter G. Kokalis

Hand-jeweled, gold-plated trigger mechanism.

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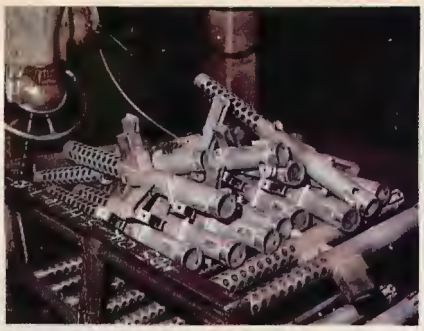
ABOVE AND BELOW: Link-locked blowback 7.62mm NATO MG prototype entered competition too late for Brit trials. Mk4 gives scale.

ABOVE: Near-perfect induction-brazed silver solder joins magazine well to receiver body with little additional machining.



BELOW: Mk9 — semi-auto unsilenced Mk5 look-alike — shown stripped of cosmetic sleeve beneath real Mk5.

LEFT AND BELOW: Already "labor-intensive" by modern standards, Sterling SMG receiver bodies await further machining and finishing before assembly.

Lanchester lineage: (top to bottom) Hugo Schmeisser's MP28II, pirated Lanchester MkI and two Lanchester prototypes, beaten by Pachett's design.

STERLING PARA PISTOL SPECIFICATIONS

	Mk7 C4	Mk7 A4
CALIBER	9mm	9mm
LENGTH	14.75 inches	14.75 inches
WEIGHT		
weapon only	5 lbs.	5 lbs.
BARREL LENGTH	4 inches	4 inches
16-groove, right-hand twist, pitch of 1 turn in 9.84 inches.		
		Optional 7.8" barrel available
SIGHTS		
front	adjustable blade	adjustable blade
rear	both: open-notch and aperture type	
CYCLIC RATE	N/A	550 rpm
METHOD OF OPERATION	Blowback, closed bolt, floating firing pin	Blowback, open bolt, fixed firing pin, advanced primer ignition
MAGAZINE CAPACITY	10-rds. standard, 34-rds. optional	
PRICE	$525	$525

Available from Lanchester U.S.A., Inc., Dept. SOF, P.O. Box 47332, Dallas, TX 75247.

TOURING Sterling Armament in Dagenham, Essex, England, is well nigh a trip into the twilight zone of small-arms manufacture. Sterling submachine guns, every bit as good as their stamped-sheet-metal tin-can-gun counterparts, are still manufactured by methods approximating British battleship engineering. Steel pressings and welding processes have been relegated to insignificant roles at the Sterling plant.

The steel tube used as the main component of the Sterling's receiver body is supplied to the plant with the 76 cooling holes already pierced. After some preliminary machining, the magazine well, trigger assembly housing, front-sight guard and front barrel support are attached to the tube by induction-brazing using silver solder. Since brazing the magazine well onto the receiver body will cause the tube to warp, the receiver tube is first bent to a corrective angle in the opposite direction! By use of induction and electro-gas brazing techniques, in lieu of welding, machine operations on the main casing are cut to a mere 150 steps. (Insignificant by Sterling plant standards!) After the receiver's interior is deburred and sized by hand-reaming, it is subsequently hand-lapped to ensure that the bolt can slide freely within it.

After the gun is moved over to the second assembly line, another 425 machine operations take place. The bolt alone requires 63 separate operations. Every bolt is checked and gauged by the assistant inspector, and every barrel is checked, gauged and then stamped by the chief inspector (who takes his inspection stamp home with him each night).

Anyone blase enough to merely shrug off the above as antiquarian and unnecessary need only examine the final product — one of the world's most expensive but reliable submachine guns — already purchased by more than 90 countries in the world.

The boys at Sterling have been making submachine guns for more than 40 years. Their first effort was the stodgy but robust Lanchester Mk I. An undisguised copy of Hugo Schmeisser's MP-28II, it was designed by George Herbert Lanchester and went into production during April 1941. Manufactured exclusively for the British Navy, the Lanchester Mk I was heavy (12 pounds with loaded 50-round magazine) and expensive to fabricate. It differed in few ways from the German MP-28II. The selector lever was positioned in front of the trigger guard instead of above it, and bayonet lugs were fitted to accept the British 1907 pattern bayonet. The magazine well was made of brass. The stock was of similar shape to that of the SMLE rifle.

A Mk I*, which was capable of full-auto fire only, appeared toward the end of WWII; Before its replacement by the Sten, 80,790 Lanchesters were made (58,990 by Sterling, the remainder by two other manufacturers). After the war, George Lanchester produced two highly modified prototypes of his original design to compete in the trials held to replace the Sten.

William G. De Lisle designed a sound-suppressed carbine in .45 ACP for use by British commandos in raids along the French coast.

Sterling Armament's background in sound-suppression technology also dates back to WWII. Using reject SMLE actions and stocks, William G. De Lisle designed a sound-suppressed carbine in .45 ACP for use by British commandos in raids along the French coast. Barrels were converted from the Thompson submachine gun. The magazine was that of the U.S. Model 1911 Colt pistol with modified lips and a rib down the back to accept the SMLE magazine catch.

Sterling commenced production of the De Lisle carbine in August 1944. The suppressor casing was aluminum and fitted with a wooden hand guard. The barrel was enclosed by the casing and beyond its muzzle there was an expansion chamber and a series of 13 baffles which formed an interrupted Archimedes' screw. The barrel length was 7.25 inches and the total weight (empty) was eight pounds, four ounces. Magazine capacity was seven rounds, or 11 rounds using an extended capacity magazine. Only one or two prototypes were made of a folding-stock version. The stock strongly resembled the one used on the Sterling submachine guns.

The De Lisle did well in tests against the Sten Mk2(S), a suppressed .30-cal. M1 Carbine, the suppressed M3 "grease gun" and several suppressed German 98k rifles. The .45 ACP cartridge is subsonic and offers excellent stopping power. However, Sterling's contract for 500 carbines was cancelled before completion and only 106 were delivered. Thus, the De Lisle ended as merely a mysterious footnote in the history of clandestine-ops weaponry.

Frank Waters, Sterling's chief designer, has been on board since 1942. By the mid-1950s the British began to look beyond the venerable Bren for a new light machine gun. Although the Bren had been successfully converted to 7.62mm NATO with the L4 series, the so-called "general-purpose machine gun" concept had become quite the rage in military small-arms circles.

Like the Mk6, the Mk7 pistol fires from the closed-bolt position and has a spring-loaded floating firing pin.

Waters' approach to the call for a new 7.62mm MG is more than a little startling in appearance. Together with Leslie Ruffell, Waters developed a weapon in 1957 that externally resembles a large-scale Sterling Mk6 carbine. The specimen I examined was of delayed-blowback design with locking by a link, or toggle, reminiscent of the Austrian Schwarzlose (See "Full Auto," SOF, February '83). The chamber was fluted as with the HK series. The bolt was a two-piece affair, the aft portion of which moves rearward about three times as fast as the front-piece. Bottom-magazine-fed, the cyclic rate was about 500 rpm. A standard Sterling SMG trigger mechanism was employed. Unfortunately, the Ministry of Defense adopted the FN MAG as the new GPMG before Waters was able to enter his design into the trials.

In 1965, Sterling decided to compete for the low end of the submachine-gun market. Waters' design efforts were called upon once more and the result, called the S11, was no less inspired than any of the other stamped sheet-metal contenders. Firing from the open bolt and using advanced primer ignition, the cyclic rate was 500 rpm. Seeking the same overall characteristics as the Mk4 (L2A3) SMG but at a lower price, the S11's receiver was sheet-metal pressing. The bolt was fabricated from drawn sections and the folding stock was a splendid simplification of the Mk4 stock. The S11 accepted standard Sterling magazines. The weight of the prototype was close to eight pounds. It had a rear-positioned grip safety and was fitted for the No. 5 bayonet. The project ended with a change of management and only the prototype remains.

While all that glitters is not gold, British mercantile activities in the Arab world are of a long-standing quality and based to no small extent on a keen sense of what catches the pasha's fancy. Small wonder then that Sterling submachine guns are available in 22K gold plate.

During my tour of the plant, 40 gold-plated Mk4 and Mk5 submachine guns were in process for an unnamed Arab fiefdom. All the functional parts, i.e., the barrel bolt, magazine catch assembly, front and rear sights and the interior of the trigger mechanism are phosphated. The exterior of the trigger pack is jeweled — in the old manner, by hand, using a piece of wood and carborundum lapping paste. There are no Moto Tools at the Sterling plant. For those of more modest aspirations, a chromium-plate finish is also available.

Of more immediate interest is the new Mk7 pistol now available in the United States. Based on the already highly successful Mk6 carbine (see "Sterling Investment," SOF, June '83), the Mk7 is essentially a shortened Mk6 without provision for a shoulder stock. The receiver has been shortened considerably to accommodate the four-inch barrel which is standard (an optional 7.8-inch barrel is also available).

The rear sight has been altered so that the lower leaf of the flip sight is now a square notch. The upper leaf remains an aperture type. The forward end of the receiver is a heavy machined cap. Disassembly and barrel removal are identical to the Mk6 carbine, with the barrel removed from the rear after the weapon has been completely field-stripped.

Like the Mk6, the Mk7 pistol fires from the closed-bolt position and has a spring-loaded floating firing pin. The firing-pin safety used on the Mk6 carbine, in essence a disconnector, remains. It prevents ignition of the primer when the bolt is out of battery. A spring detent drives this safety in front of the firing-pin extension when the bolt is retracted. Unauthorized conversion to full auto of both the Sterling Mk6 and Mk7 is far more difficult than any other semiautomatic submachine-gun spinoff.

A 10-round magazine is standard issue. The 34-round Sterling submachine-gun magazine can be used but it tends to unbalance the pistol to the left. More important, the axis of instability shifts as rounds are emptied out of the larger-capacity magazine. To increase firing stability, a web strap and hook, and a vertical handle, either of which can be attached to the underside of the receiver body at the front end, are available. I advise using one or the other, since holding on to such a short barrel casing with the support hand can be a rather dicey proposition.

A selective-fire version of the Mk7 Para Pistol is also available, but only to law-enforcement agencies and qualified Class 3 dealers. It fires from the open bolt and its operating principles and trigger mechanism are that of the Mk4 (L2A3) SMG.

In firing the semiautomatic version of the Mk7, I determined that its closed-bolt method of operation affords high hit

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LEFT: The new Sterling Mk VII line. From top to bottom: Semi-auto Mk VII's with 4" and 7.8" barrels and full-auto Mk VII with vertical foregrips.

Designer Frank Waters' S11 SMG prototype pressed from sheet steel with drawn-steel bolt.

De Lisle Suppressed Carbine, .45 ACP, built from reject SMLE parts; slightly more than 100 were made.

GUN OWNERSHIP THRIVES IN BRITAIN DESPITE SUPPRESSION ATTEMPTS

by Peter G. Kokalis

Officially opened in 1890 by Princess Alexandra with a shot fired from a Lee-Metford rifle, the ranges at Bisley (located on the Surrey heath southwest of London) have played host for the last six years to pistol competition on a scale as large as that seen anywhere in the world. More than 1,000 competitors contended for prizes in several dozen handgun events held on 27-29 May during this year's Pistol '83.

Despite the British government's traditional antipathy toward private ownership of firearms, the past five years have witnessed an asymptotic growth in both the legal possession of and interest in small arms. The gun and trade show held in conjunction with Pistol '83 was no minor demonstration of this trend to an outsider.

Expecting to see booth after booth of air guns, books, reloading equipment and other innocuous elements of the firearms trade, I was more than slightly stunned to view, in addition, table after table of Sten guns, Vickers, Bren guns, Sterlings, UZIs, Galils, FN FALs, AR15s, AR10s, Walther MPLs, M1 Garands, Swiss SG540 assault rifles, BARs, Lewis Guns, MP-40s, Chinese and Russian AK-47s and AKMs, Thompsons, Lanchesters, Czech VZ 23s and 25s, MG-42s and a few others not yet obtainable even in the United States.

Since only so-called Class 5 dealers (which are scarce in Great Britain) can possess full-auto weapons, the machine guns have been either deactivated or converted to fire semiautomatically only. Although British firearms laws are more restrictive in most regards than ours (they do not, however, have to contend with the absurd 16-inch-minimum rifle-barrel length imposed upon us by the National Firearms Act of 1934), they are in theory uniform over the entire British Isles. But there's the rub.

Though passed by parliament, gun laws are regulated by the local constabularies, who may or may not provide the application forms — they are required by law to inventory — and who may or may not act upon a submitted application, depending entirely upon the whim and predilections of local constables. A sad state of affairs, since gun control has been taken out of the hands of Parliament and usurped entirely by a largely nasty little pack of local bureaucrats.

Finally, because it is generally easier to obtain a shotgun permit than either a pistol or rifle permit, and there are no restrictions on the number of shotguns that can be owned, a number of machine guns are converted to semiautomatic .410-gauge smooth bores. Anyone for a .410-gauge Bren Gun? All of which only demonstrates that the enterprising British gun enthusiast will go to whatever lengths (or bores) are necessary to preserve what he feels is a God-given right, not a bone thrown to him by Parliament.

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Like every other Sterling firearm, this Mk7 Para Pistol is test-fired and zeroed before shipment.

probability at ranges from 25 to 50 meters only. Beyond that the absence of a stock looms as a serious detriment. Exactly what is its *raison d'etrė?* I'm not sure I know. It certainly looks quite intimidating. It's not exactly a machine pistol, as they are invariably equipped with some sort of removable shoulder stock.

Like others in its genre, the Mk7 is most likely simply a Frankenstein of the National Firearms Act of 1934 and the subsequent Gun Control Act of 1968. Which is to say that no rifle may possess a barrel length of less than 16 inches without being classed as a Title II firearm, and, as we all know, rifles have shoulder stocks. Why 16 inches? Because that's the magic number, that's why.

Those who wish to own a machine pistol-like firearm will not go wrong with the Sterling Mk7. It is designed, constructed and finished to the same high standards as the rest of Sterling Armaments' weaponry line. Looming on the horizon is the new Mk8 for Canadian buyers. It is essentially a Mk6 carbine with the Mk4s 7.8-inch barrel but without the firing-pin safety. Under consideration by the BATF for sale in the United States is the Mk9, which is a Mk6 carbine fitted with a Mk5-type suppressor housing.

Further information can be obtained from the Mk7s exclusive U.S. importer, Lanchester U.S.A., Inc. (Dept. SOF, P.O. Box 47332, Dallas, TX 75247).

QUARTERMASTERS AT THE ANGEL

by Peter G. Kokalis

Sometimes they drive to work in their M5A1 tank. That is, if you can call putting in time at Quartermasters actually work. From owner Dave Humphries on down, everyone I observed seemed to be having far too much fun. And what militaria buff wouldn't, surrounded by one of the largest accumulations of British government surplus on the entire island?

The aviation section alone is one amorphous mass of gauges, flying jackets, hats, suits and boots, Mae West vests, parachutes, goggles, throttles from a Lancaster bomber, a shot-down Spitfire engine and aircraft windscreens.

Moving through the warehouse, I was constantly tripping over piles of canteens, bayonet frogs, rifle slings, holsters, Bren pouches, back packs, map cases, entrenching tools, gas masks, helmets of every type, wire cutters, mess tins, enameled cups, body armor, Tommy cookers, first-aid kits, tent halves, ponchos, boots, berets and uniforms from all countries and periods. Looking for leather gaiters, Tartan trousers or ladies' gas masks? They've got it all at Quartermasters.

The employees' lunch room is set up as a German WWII Command Center complete with battle maps and flags. In addition to offering all of the above for sale, Quartermasters supplies military uniforms, special effects and vehicles to the film, TV and theater industries. Deeply involved in the British WWII Historical Re-enactment Society, everyone at Quartermasters is a loyal SOFer as well. Their interesting catalog is available by writing to Quartermasters at the Angel, 3 Torrens Street, London, EC1V 1NQ, England.

Two other sources for British military surplus are Laurence Corner (62/64 Hampstead Road, London, NW1 2NU, England) and Silverman's (2/8 Harford Street, London, El, England). When writing to any of the above for catalogs, enclose $2 to cover handling and surface postage.

VECTOR COMPENSATORS

DTA Mil/Brake Works

Text & Photos by Ken Hackathorn

EVERY few decades every simple device is rediscovered. Compensators and muzzle brakes are the rediscovery of this decade. From IPSC shooters to Soviet ordnance, everyone seems to be mounting some sort of gas-redirection device on firearms. Some of these devices work, and some of them don't. The DTA Mil/Brake is one that does.

Though not strictly a muzzle brake, the Mil/Brake does slow or even stop the climb of an assault-rifle muzzle during full-auto fire. (Without unnecessary physics, a muzzle brake reduces recoil.) A compensator is like a jet engine on the weapon's muzzle. It redirects some of the gases from the burning powder. Pointed to the right and upward, the slits in the barrel (or a separate added device) blow the muzzle down and to the left to counter the normal climb of an autoweapon fired from the right shoulder.

The more gas that gets redirected, the greater the device's force and the more stable the weapon. It might seem that every weapon should have a compensator/brake that removes nearly all recoil and nearly all climb. The new AK-74 has such a device, and copies of it are being sold in this country. It works very well, but for combat, I'm glad the Russians have it. All that gas, light, heat and sound of the muzzle blast move back and at right-angles to the bore's axis. A rifle with such a muzzle brake is louder to the firer, and makes a distracting flash before his eyes. At night the light can blind the firer. Furthermore, in combat the flared muzzle flash makes an excellent target locator. If I were a Soviet infantryman I would rip that thing off the end of my iron.

Muzzle-climb compensators throw a little gas around, but if they are designed with flash-hiding characteristics the flash is no more visible than that of normal flash-suppressed rifles. It's true that a compensator like the Mil/Brake has little effect on recoil, but with the lighter loads of assault-rifle rounds recoil is rarely a problem. Gas and flash don't get thrown backward if the device is not designed to control recoil. If the only purpose is to reduce muzzle climb there is no reason to direct escaped gases backward.

All this means that if the idea is to increase full-auto and burst-fire accuracy of a micro-caliber assault rifle a muzzle-climb compensator like the Mil/Brake may be the prescription. The test weapon I used is a standard M16.

Although I had fitted a DTA Muzzle Mizer to the subject of "Make Mine M14" (SOF, July '82) — and have no intention of removing it, since it seems to help the weapon get tighter groups — I had never tried DTA devices on full-auto weapons. Attaching the Mil/Brake to the M16's muzzle, I aligned the exhaust holes to vent gas to the upper right, and then headed for the range.

The Mil/Brake-fitted M16 was tested at 15, 20 and 25 meters along with a control M16 with the issue flash-hider. Burst-fire

DTA Mil/Brake's four circumferential gas-redirection ports work like muzzle-brake. Photo: W.B. Guthrie

Hackathorn tries the Mil/Brake with M16 on rock'n'roll in one hand, but gets negligible muzzle rise.

tests were supplemented by tests of accuracy with sustained full-auto fire.

Emptying a couple of magazines into clean targets showed the difference immediately. While the Mil/Brake-equipped '16 registered 18 hits out of 20, mostly well centered in the silhouette, its standard-issue counterpart scored about half that number of hits, plus showing a strong tendency to climb up, right and off target. Repeated tests by myself and others gave similar results.

Three-round-burst test results were even more conclusive. The Mil/Brake helped put three holes in the middle of the silhouette at all three test ranges. The issue M16 put one bullet through the middle of the target, one in the upper right corner and one in the dirt above and behind the right side of the silhouette. This was at the 15-meter range, and this error increased with increasing distance while the Mil/Brake-mounted rifle continued to group near the center.

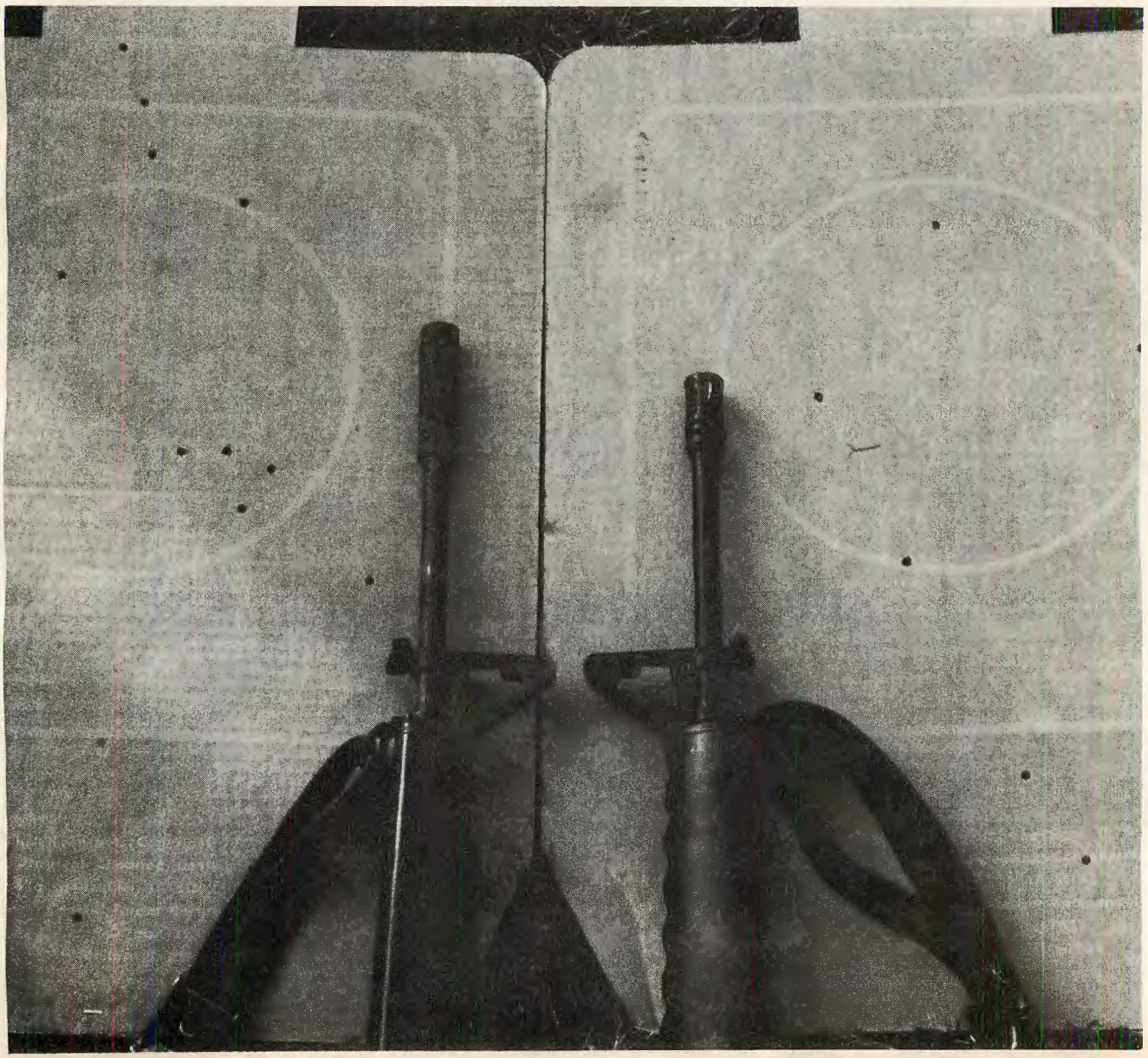
Night firing sessions continued to prove the superior stability of the assault rifle with the DTA compensator, and exhibited another desirable feature for an accessory for a combat weapon: very small muzzle flash. In the same dead-dark that an AK-74 would have lit with strobe-like brilliance, the Mil/Brake's flash-suppression was just as good as that of the issue flash hider.

The developers advertise that the Mil/Brake will also help control muzzle-flip in semiautomatic fire. This was not readily apparent in firing with the M16, and that may have something to do with the light recoil of the 5.56mm round. One might expect that the compensator would work better with rifles firing 7.62mm NATO cartridges, but I did not find this to be true. It did seem that my groups were tighter with a Mil/Brake on an M14, but tests on target reacquisition were inconclusive.

My obvious pleasure with the Mil/Brake may not seem to square with things I've said about compensators for IPSC pistols. To my mind, the advantage of a muzzle-rise compensator on a competition handgun lies in the longer sighting radius of a pistol with a muzzle device, and in the shooter's conviction that the device will work. The ineffectuality of compensators used with low-pressure ammo is hard to show with a pistol firing single shots, but easier to see in a submachine gun. Many of the early Colt-made were equipped with the Cutts Compensator.

The Cutts Compensator is threatening and stylish, but I — for one — cannot tell the difference between firing a Thompson with or without the compensator. Guns that shoot low-pressure rounds (nearly all pistol ammunition) do not seem to be affected as much by gas redirection as weapons firing higher-pressure cartridges.

All hedging aside, the Mil/Brake is the best accessory I ever put on an M16. It makes an easy-to-shoot rifle an extremely accurate full-auto combat weapon. The Mil/Brake makes the experienced gunman shoot better and seems to reduce training time with the M16. It should work just as well on other full-automatic 5.56mm rifles.



Centered hits from 16 bullets out of 20-round burst at 20 meters show effectiveness of DTA Mil/Brake at left. Target at right shows spray of seven hits during same exercise with issue M16.

ABOVE: Dead-level rifle shows climb control with DTA muzzle device.

LEFT: Compensators are one more old idea: These are (bottom) the Cutts Compensator and compensator on Japanese Nambu Type 100 8mm SMG.

French Foreign Legion Gives
NO QUARTER AT MESSIFRE

by Bennett J. Doty

The Battle of Messifre 17 September 1925, as depicted by P. Benigni in this 1931 oil painting. Photo: Kepi Blanc

From the book, The Legion of The Damned: The adventures of Bennett J. Doty in the French Foreign Legion as told by himself.

In July 1925, the French colonial possession of Syria was seized by a Druse insurrection in the areas around the Druse Range. The insurrection was led by Sultan el Attrache, who directed his initial attack against the French citadel at Soueida.

On 22 July, a Legion company went to the relief of Soueida and was wiped out at Kafer: 107 legionnaires and eight officers were killed. A second expedition formed in August and was attacked at Messifre (see Doty's story below). Soueida was relieved on 24 September.

During the remainder of 1925, the Legion participated in similar bloody actions at Rezza, Rachaya, Messadi and Medjel el Chems.

For its performance at Messifre and Rachaya, the 4/1 REC and V/4REI were cited in the Order of the Army as "eminently demonstrating the true characteristics of La Legion Etrangere.*"*

IT was 28 August 1925. We had been in Ghazale (Syria) eight days when we received orders to march to the village of Messifre. We were to build an advanced post there and to hold it at all cost. The two companies of legionnaires we had joined in Ghazale were now with us, and together we formed a battalion. We were the 5th Battalion of the 4th Foreign Infantry Regiment, commanded by *Commandant* (Major) Kratzert.

The march to Messifre was 18 kilometers across the *bled*, through deep, loose sand with full field kit. The heat was terrific and we damn near drowned in sweat. How we envied the cavaliers of *Capitaine* Landriau who formed our flank guard.

We found Messifre much different from Ghazale. The village was a sad collection of flat-topped houses with a mosque at the center. The remnants of the miserable population regarded us with sullen suspicion. We soon learned they were hand in glove with the enemy, and gave the Druses full information of our movement and strength.

Whatever water we had here was

brought to us on camels. It was the worst water I had ever seen in my life. It "was crawling and it stunk," but thirst forced us to drink, so we filtered it from our *bidons* through our handkerchiefs — and found worms!

We had no sooner arrived than sounded the dreaded cry, *"Aux Murailles!"* But this time we did not build one stone-walled camp; we built six small ones that completely surrounded the town, and one in the center. The camps were far enough apart so that the enemy, charging the village, would be enfiladed. There were two sections (approximately 70 men) to each camp. The commandant and his *etat-major* established themselves in a fortified stone house near the mosque, and the squadron of cavalry that accompanied us — Legion cavalry (4th Squadron/1st Foreign Cavalry) in which were many Cossacks — were quartered within the village. Each camp was an independent unit able to take care of itself. Within, each man, with his *creneau*, had about 15 feet to hold. There was a dearth of barbed wire, so we could only put up one thin line of concertina in front of the walls.

God, how we toiled putting up those damned walls! The heat was terrific and we had only polluted water. There was no shade anywhere, and the insides of the tents were like furnaces. Our allowance of water was four *bidons* a day and half of that went to the kitchens. This left a man two liters a day to keep his clothes clean, drink, brush his teeth and wash. We didn't shave. Neither did we wash our faces much. As a matter of fact, we lost half of our water trying to strain the worms out of it.

We became a filthy-looking lot, with bristling beards, yellow teeth and matted hair. The air was always full of sand. It was in everything except our rifles. These we were eternally cleaning. We were miserable.

After putting up the wall, there came the usual order to clean up a landing field for our aircraft. We picked all the stones up from a mile-long area, filled up the holes and staggered back to camp drunk with fatigue. We looked like a battalion of sunburned scarecrows.

From our position, we had a clear view of the besieged post of Soueida farther up into the hills. What had seemed not much more than a white spot, gleaming in the sun, now showed as a town with high walls, on a crest, billowing smoke. And in its center the besieged citadel rose, high and white, with the little tricolor flag, no bigger than a stamp, ever waving in the breeze.

We were always in communication with the garrison, by heliograph at day and lamp blinker at night. Most *hommes des rangs* did not know the meaning of these messages, but the defenders were known to be hard-pressed.

Planes loaded with bombs buzzed overhead, traveling from Ghazale to Soueida, where we could see them bomb and strafe all around the citadel. Columns of dust and smoke rose to the clouds and encircled the mountain, concealing town and citadel in a man-made storm.

On the day after our arrival, we made our first reconnaissance. Opposite our camp was a hill, and on the other side of it an abandoned village, half-destroyed by bombs. A detachment was sent up over the hill, into the village and beyond to observe the movements of the enemy and to form a "buffer" for the battalion. This patrol consisted of one section of the 19th Company and one platoon of cavalry. My company, the 29th, remained in camp.

The detachment disappeared over the hill — we could not see what was happening. After a while we heard a flurry of rifle fire and later the detachment returned with several wounded men and the body of a dead sergeant lying across a saddle. The lieutenant in charge had wisely decided not to push things too far and had extricated the patrol.

Contemporary insignia of the *4e Escadron/1er Regiment Etranger de Cavalerie* commemorates the battles of Messifre and Rachaya.

The sergeant had been shot right out of the saddle by a bullet which had pierced his brain. We buried him a little way from the camp, putting up over him a little cross with his kepi hung on it. He was from the cavalry, so I never knew his name.

Now we knew we were in the shit. That night the guard was tripled, the machine-gunners slept beside their pieces, and — as did all the legionnaires — I slept along the wall, right beneath my *creneau*, my rifle strapped to my arm, a little heap of grenades at my feet.

Around 0300 hours the sergeant of the guard thought he heard a stone rattle on the slope before the camp. He put his ear to the ground, jumped up and bellowed, *"Aux armes!"* The cry was taken up and passed along. We rose to one knee, poked our rifles through our *creneaux* and stared into the black, bitterly cold night. Nothing happened. Under our breaths we began to swear.

"Hell, there ain't nobody out there," I thought.

Just then a flash in the darkness, and a bullet cracked over my head. Suddenly the whole night winked with rifle flashes while flocks of bullets sang about and ricocheted off our walls. A Very-Light went up; in the glare we saw the slope above us, the level between, the ground on all sides, filled with silent charging forms. We let go with all we had.

Simultaneously, as the light betrayed their secrecy, they broke out into a chorus of wild yells.

At first I was nervous. On the Lebel rifle there's a little button which must be slipped back when reloading. After letting go what I had in the magazine, I started to reload without remembering the button. As fast as I pushed a cartridge in, it would spring out. Finally I remembered, and simultaneously I must have gone mad with the ardor of the fight. I shot 'til the barrel burned my hands and oil seeped from the forearm.

The whole thing was terribly confusing with only a few Very-Lights going up in the hell-black night. A lot of Druses managed to rush by between the walled camps and enter the village. The camp there, and the fortified *etat-major*, held staunchly, but the Druses penetrated the cavalry quarters, butchering 29 legionnaires and capturing the horses.

It was one thing, however, to capture the horses and another to get them out. When the Druses began to gallop out of the village on the captured horses, dawn's slight gray was in the air. We could see better — a horse is a bigger target than a man. We turned our fire upon them. We would bring down the horse, and then get the rider, dismounted and disoriented, between our enfilading fires. Few got out alive. Meanwhile, their brothers on the slope above poured hell fire down upon us.

It was now almost daylight, and so came a lull. In our little redoubt the best marksmen were held to the *creneaux*, exchanging shots with the snipers, while the rest of us sat down against the wall and rested. Some of us *bleus* thought that the affair was over. As a matter of fact, this had been simply a preliminary skirmish, which had been more than partly successful, in that they now had us without cavalry.

As I took a long drink of coffee from my *bidon*, again came the cry *"Aux armes!"* We all sprang to our loopholes. The sight we saw was awesome.

From the slope at the bottom of the hill, the Druses charged us — it looked as if the very earth itself were moving in landslide — 3,000 of them on horse and foot. The infantry led; the cavalry followed, ready to charge through the infantry at the first break.

They all wore light-leather fighting equipment and short jackets. Their colored head-dresses flapped, German

potato-masher grenades were stuck in their belts. They brandished their weapons high and howled as they came, a laminating mass of Allah's praetorian guard. At their head rode the Emir on a beautiful blooded stallion. He wore a medieval suit of armor and a helmet with flaps of chain-mail like those in museums, one used hundreds of years ago against the Frankish crusaders.

I was scared witless. My mouth was dry; I wanted a drink of water. I wanted a cigarette. I was shaking so damn bad that I could hear the cartridges rattle in my rifle.

Our machine gun chattered, our rifles cracked, but this mass of tatterdemalions came along, seemingly unimpeded, a moving carpet over the earth, yelling like fiends, *"Ya Illah Lah, Ya Illah Lah, Ya Illah Lah!"*

Time and time again the fringe of the charge died within a yard of the walls. I fired until my rifle steamed, then threw grenades. Then I fired again. The first rush, though it had overwhelmed none of the camps, had carried the attackers headlong into the village of Messifre which was to our right.

Near the village center was a mound that gave a point of vantage. In a rush like that of a wave up the slope of a beach, the Emir topped the mound between his four great black banners. He threw his horse upon its haunches, pivoted it until he faced us; simultaneously, his color guard planted the banners in the ground, sticking them into the soil with great strokes, as though they meant them to stay there forever. Dismounting calmly under the flapping ensigns, the Emir set himself to directing the fighting. Suddenly, all the flat roofs of the village were alive with snipers who unleashed a fire into our camp which cracked our ears like a hundred whips.

On the Druses came, wave upon wave — down the slope, which added to their impetus, and across the little stone walls until they debouched upon the plain for their last dash into the open. Despite our withering fire they almost reached our wall. Some died in its very shadow.

When everything was over we found the body of a dervish with both hands upon the wall. Apparently he had charged our machine gun with bare hands. There he lay, his twisted fingers clutching the inside corner of the parapet, the brains of his burst cranium scattered over it. We counted 13 distinct bullet holes in his twisted body.

This was later, of course. I was not counting anything now, not giving any heed to the dead. The living held all of my attention.

They kept coming; every moment we seemed on the point of being overwhelmed. Our small redoubt, a mere circular stone wall, was like a little boat tossed in a tremendous sea. We'd fire with our rifles until they got too close. Then, stooping and rising, we picked up the grenades lying about our feet and let them have them in the face.

During rare short lulls, they sniped at us from behind rocks and low stone walls — one of which was not mroe than 60 yards away. Then we'd snap on our rifle muzzles the *tromblon*-like attachment for the rifle grenades, and blast them from behind their shelter with explosions that sometimes sent arms and legs up in the air together with rock and sand.

The din was terrific. My ears rang. My eyes burned. Our two machine guns kept up a continuous rattling, rifles cracked, ricocheting bullets screeched like cats, and grenades exploded.

GLOSSARY OF FRENCH TERMS

bidon — canteen.
Aux Murailles! — "To the walls," literally, "Start building the walls."
etat-major — headquarters.
creneau — a firing slot in the wall.
hommes des rangs — enlisted men.
bleus — recruits.
appel — roll-call formation.
singe — monkey "meat"; canned beef.
quart — a quarter of a liter, also used to denote a canteen cup.
bled — desert.
tromblon — blunderbuss.

MILITARY TERMS

French	English
groupe	squad—10-14 men
section	platoon—30-40 men
compagnie	company—150-200 men
bataillon	battalion—600-900 men
escadron	cavalry troop — 150-200 men
REI: Regiment Entrangere d'Infantrie	Foreign Legion Infantry Regiment
REC: Regiment Entrangere de Cavalerie	Foreign Legion Cavalry Regiment

Yells were always in the air. Those damned yells, *"Ya Illah Lah, Ya Illah Lah, Ya Illah Lah,"* filled the air with a rhythmic cry, and then long streams of unintelligible Arabic — threats of what they were going to do to us Christian dogs. We gave as good as we got, roaring curses in French, German, Russian, Spanish and English, defiantly calling them to come on and be *Illah-lahed!*

Little by little I settled down to calm, sure work. I caught a flash of Sylvestre Budney, my fellow *bleu*, firing calmly from the angle of one of the bastion entrances, a cigarette in his mouth. I put one in mine. Afterward there was always a cigarette in my mouth, often a dead butt. I managed to smoke three packs that day.

Time and time again the situation seemed utterly desperate. So far we had saved our little fort, but we had not been able to keep the hordes from infiltrating into Messifre. The village was full of them. From its flat roofs they fired directly into our camp and, altogether taken up with the rushes from the plain and the slope, we could not attend to them. Out of its narrow alleys, massed attacks kept pouring toward us, mingling with the charges from down the hill. I always had to keep one eye on the right. I was a nervous wreck!

Each attack, when broken by our fire, would vanish behind the stones and walls, then, rested, reencouraged, reexhorted by their leaders, they'd come again with renewed fury. And thus it went hour after hour after hour.

In the village we could hear what was left of the cavalry squadron stoutly defending their strongholds, and the *etat-major's* fortified house was spitting fire from all its holes. Several times such a tumult arose that we thought our commandant and his staff had been overwhelmed.

We could see now and then the other little camps resisting like ours, but most of the time we did not see anything but what was close at hand — and several times to me, and the others also, that was a wild pair of rolling eyeballs capsizing in the throes of death.

It was some time, I think, before I realized what was really happening. At first I thought I was shooting badly. Then little by little I saw that with several bullets in them, these fanatic Druse tribesmen came on, to die on our barbed wire. And the wounded kept on fighting. Bleeding to death, from behind a stone or even in the open, they kept firing till the last convulsive twitch. Now and then, in the midst of that massed fighting, I would get hypnotized into a private combat of my own.

There was a special Druse, I remember, whom it took me a long time and extraordinary pains to kill. He was mounted on one of our stolen horses and riding stretched low along the mane like an Indian. I couldn't seem to hit him. I fired once, then twice, apparently missing him. Finally I aimed at the horse and brought it down.

But the Druse still seemed to be unhurt and, holding his rifle, he started to crawl rapidly for cover. My bullets raised little spurts of sand all about him. Slowly, though, he crawled on, finally vanishing behind a rock — and immediately a bullet cracked by, not an inch from my head. From behind this rock he kept sniping at me.

I put the grenade attachment on my rifle and fired several of the big bastards at him. The third one struck right behind the rock with a tremendous boom. A little volcano of sand and smoke rose into the air, and I knew I'd blown my Druse to hell.

I remember another moment in which I seemed hypnotized, in a dream. From a stone hedge not more than 100 feet away, a little detachment of about 10

French Foreign Legion cavalier of *4e Escadron/1er Rgt. Etranger de Cavalerie*, Syria, 1925. Trooper wears Gandoura and carries *Mousqueton* (carbine) M1892 in 8mm Lebel. Graphic: Kepi Blanc

DRUSES
by Bill Guthrie

Islam holds more widely differing beliefs than any other faith. This inclination to variety combines with "once-and-future-king" folklore to create a wild profusion of schisms. The original Assassins (*hashishin*: users of hashish), the Ismailis, the Shiites and the Druses are all representive of this tendency for the body of Islam to splinter.

The Druses are a tight, interrelated community of about 400,000 Muslims living in the hill regions of Syria, Lebanon, Israel and Jordan. Druses do not accept converts, nor — unlike other followers of the *Koran* — do they allow people to enter the faith by marriage: Druses are born.

Very little detail of their belief is known outside of the Druse community, since they are secretive about their religion, and carefully guard themselves from unwelcome attention of outsiders. The faith maintains its secrecy by a division of the believers into the *juhal* (the ignorant) and the *uqal* (those who know). The elect *uqal* comprise less than 10 percent of the faithful, and only they have a precise idea of what the religion *is*.

One thing separates the Druses from all other Islamic sects: The Druses believe that Hakim, the sixth Fatimid Caliph, was right when he proclaimed he was Allah. As God made flesh, he could not die, so Hakim is in hiding until the end of history when he shall return as *Imam*, the leader of the Muslim world.

Naturally enough, this eccentric belief alienates the Druses even from their Muslim neighbors who believe that Muhammad and Jesus were only prophets, and that any anthropomorphism of deity is blasphemy.

Geographical and religious separation from their neighbors — and their poverty — have helped to make the Druses the hereditary enemies of nearly all surrounding peoples, but their traditional prey are the Maronite Christians. The Maronites are Lebanese Arab Christians who are part of the Catholic Church, but use the ancient Antiochene rite, spoken in a dialect of Aramaic (the language Jesus spoke).

The wars between the Druses and the Maronites in the middle of the 19th century were not controlled by the Turks — who then governed the area — and the French intervened to protect what they felt to be their interest in the medieval Frankish Latin Kingdom of Jerusalem (which continued as a diplomatic entity into the early 20th century).

The French mandate, called Greater Lebanon, was secured as a separate administrative district, based on the previous Turkish *Sanjak* of Lebanon, with a Christian governor. This is the origin of modern Lebanon, while Syria, a former possession of the Ottomann Turks, was given to France as a result of the Treaty of Versailles.

Druses suddenly appeared in a headlong, screeching charge for my part of the wall. What almost paralyzed me was that they were all withered old men with long ragged beards that fell lower than their waists, almost to their knees.

Into our concentrated fire these old gnomes came, seeming to bear charmed lives. I fired and fired, with no more effect than if they had been phantoms. They reached our piteous little strand of barbed wire and, all together, started to step over, their knees parting their long beards — then abruptly, all together in one movement, they collapsed.

They had been carrying bullets in them almost from their first appearance; I'll wager that several had been dead on their feet as they charged. They lay in a heap, the last squirming of which I stilled with a grenade.

So intent was I on the outside that I had little time to notice what was happening inside our hard-pressed walls. I remember Lt. Vernon clearly, slim and stoop-shouldered, his face bristling with several days' beard, walking about coolly, standing up, disdaining to take cover, one hand in his pocket, the other holding a huge Mauser automatic pistol. He'd come and stand behind me and point out special men to shoot at and, when I hit them, would give me a little pat on the shoulder and say, *"Bon, bon, tres bon."* Then he'd move on to another man. In between he'd step over to the wall and do a little sharpshooting himself with his pistol, which was fitted with a shoulder stock.

The *adjutant-chef*, our first sergeant, walked about in the same way, quietly directing the men's fire at the worst points and at the most troublesome snipers. He preferred grenades, however — instead of a pistol he carried a handful of them, which he flung when things got hottest.

The *infirmier* or first-aid man — we had just one — had made himself a first-aid station by digging a hole in the center of the camp, amid the ration boxes. But he was not there often, nor long. He would cross the bullet-swept space to the wounded, drag them into his hole, put on a dressing — then, seizing his rifle, would be with us at the wall, an angel of mercy one moment, an enthusiastic killer the next.

The machine-gun crews fired without letup and suffered severely from the snipers, who concentrated upon them.

A Pole named Esquisert kept filling his musette with grenades and crawling across the exposed ground to the wall. This he would circle, passing, of course, exposed places, distributing the

grenades. Once when he passed me, I stole the whole full musette from him. He started to wrestle it back. I held on, and suddenly he quit and said like a little school boy, "If you don't give me back my grenades, I'll tell the lieutenant." I didn't give them back; I was too busy using them.

I never did learn whether he told the lieutenant on me; maybe God gave me some black mark in His secret book!

All this time I had been fighting with an Italian named Morgardi to my left, and a bugler named Pohl, a German, to my right, each of us holding about 15 feet of wall. I think we had been fighting thus for about an hour.

Sgt. Rath was standing behind us, directing our fire when, in a new rush, a Druse grenade struck squarely on the parapet among us. Morgardi, enveloped in a cloud of black smoke, gave a yell, put his hands to his eyes, and crumpled to the ground, dead, the whole top of his head torn away and the inside showing. Sgt. Rath sank to the ground, and started to crawl away, covered with blood. Pohl, to my right, was bleeding from a head wound, but still groggily sticking to his post. My rifle had been torn from my hands by the concussion. I stepped over and picked it up. The whole butt had been blown away.

I was unhurt. The man to my left had been killed, the one to my right wounded, the one behind me wounded, my rifle wrecked — and I had not been touched. I picked up Morgardi's rifle and kept on shooting, since my part of the wall was now much extended. It seemed like a dream.

For a little while Bugler Pohl stubbornly carried on. But the blood flowing down his head was blinding him, and the *infirmier*, having placed Rath under shelter in his hole at the center of the camp, now led the bugler away, protesting and resisting.

I then took Pohl's rifle, the best in the section, a new piece, which he treated like a watch and kept always in perfect order. And in all that stress, I was for a minute like a child with a new toy.

After Morgardi and Pohl were gone, I worked with a little Parisian named Fleury, who had been farther to the left. We two were now responsible for a space which had been guarded by four men. We kept moving from loophole to loophole to disconcert the snipers, and soon became an excellent team. He was a little fellow from Montmartre, no bigger than a minute, short, thickset; he fought in continuous hot temper, eyes popping out of his head, moustache bristling, active as a squirrel and tireless — a marvelous fighter. He was a dead shot with the rifle, of uncanny skill with the grenade and quick as lightning in all his movements.

Slaraski, a Pole who had been wounded and could no longer stand and shoot, volunteered to stay with us. Remaining on the ground, he passed us our ammunition and grenades as we needed them. We three made a fine team.

French Foreign legionnaires undergo machine-gun drill with Hotchkiss M1914 MGs in 8mm Lebel. Photo: Gene Christian Collection

Simon, our *adjutant-chef*, had been shot in the arm. Disdainful of his wound, he still calmly walked about, directing us, but since he could no longer throw grenades, he had secured a light cavalry carbine with which he amused himself now and then, shooting with his left arm.

Sgt. Fischer, a German, had been shot through the head; we had to watch him dying for a long time, his mouth opening and closing like that of a fish laid out on hot sand.

Another sergeant, Krierisch, a big German, had been wounded so as to give for a long time a subject for our section's rough wits. He was standing at the parapet, shouting out an order, when a Druse bullet slapped into his open mouth, coming out through the right cheek; there he stood, cursing fearfully, spitting out blood, teeth and splinters of jaw-bone, refusing the *infirmier*'s aid, shaking his fist at the foe and insisting on fighting on. It took three men to get him to the infirmary. And later he was often joshed about when, opening his mouth wide to bawl an order, he had swallowed a bullet.

Pitiful things were happening too. One of the men, shot in the chest, lay dying all day in the sand. He had been sent over from another section just before the attack, and we did not know who he was. Time and time again, when we thought him dead, one of us would notice that he seemed to be murmuring. Some one would crawl to him across the zone of fire to see what he wanted.

It was always water. "*De l'eau, de l'eau*," he murmured.

We had very little water; we were in fact dying with thirst. But always someone would give a little out of his canteen, prop him up a bit, then crawl back across the zone of fire.

This kept up all day. He was slowly bleeding to death internally, but each time we thought him finally dead we'd see his lips begin to work, and finally someone would simply have to crawl over, and it was always the same thing: "*De l'eau, de l'eau.*" He did this all day; it took him 12 hours to die.

Somewhere about nine or ten o'clock (we had been fighting since three in the morning), there was a lull. The massed rushes ceased but the Druses kept firing from behind rocks, walls and from the roofs of Messifre.

While our best shots were kept at the wall, the rest of us slumped down along the bottom and rested. We were beat and, stripped to the waist, we looked like pirates.

MISSING SOF: THE SEARCH FOR BENNETT J. DOTY

by Bill Brooks

Bennett J. Doty was born in Memphis, Tenn., in 1902, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lemuel H. Doty of 1743 Overton Park Ave. His father was a prominent lawyer and former assistant prosecutor. Bennett attended Snowden Grade School and Memphis Central High where his teachers reported he was a bright student but "rather wild."

At 16, in April 1917, Doty left home and enlisted in the newly activated Battery E, 115th Field Artillery, Tennessee Army National Guard. He was sent to France where he served with distinction during the Battle of the Argonne Forest. Despite his parents' protests, Doty served out his two-year enlistment and returned home in April 1919, a veteran at 18.

After a year at Vanderbilt, then three years at the University of Virginia, Doty returned to Memphis where he took an office job. One day in 1923, Doty failed to show up for work. He had secretly sailed from New Orleans to South America.

He then sailed to New York, Bordeaux and Marseille where he enlisted in the French Foreign Legion on 12 June 1925 "in order to fight the Riff in Morocco."

Sent first to Sidi-bel-Abbis, French Algeria, he was transferred with his company to Syria where he arrived in late August 1925. The Druse were rebelling against the French and the Legion was sent to the fight.

Doty was an outstanding soldier. He won the *Croix de Guerre* for gallant action at Rezza.

A year after his arrival in Syria, peace was obtained, but peace made Doty restless — peace and the fact that the economical French administration had put the French Foreign Legion to work as common laborers, building roads and air-strips. So, Bennett Doty, two Germans and an Englishman deserted. Following an outdated map they headed for British Palestine where they hoped to enlist in one of the Palestinian police/cavalry units, save their money and buy return fare home.

After almost being killed by renegade Druses, the four were captured by Syrian *gendarmes*, tried for desertion and sentenced to eight years at hard labor.

This fact, and the false news that Doty was to be executed, aroused C.P.J. Mooney, then editor of *The Memphis Commercial Appeal*, and Doty's father to try to obtain his release. The aid of the State Department, The American Legion, some U.S. senators and the French government was enlisted. Doty was pardoned after an international incident was created in the press. He returned to Siddi-bel-Abbis where he was to complete his five-year enlistment.

After a month in Algeria, Doty was called before Col. Rollet, the Legion commander, who informed him that he was discharged and could return home. The date was 23 November 1927. Doty made his way to Marseille, Paris, Cherboug, New York and back to Memphis.

He returned to law school at Tulane and was enrolled in the Mississippi bar on 7 May 1936. He became his father's partner in legal practice at Biloxi. He took part in civic affairs, and was president of the local Veterans of Foreign Wars post.

Tatoos of drums from another war drifted across the Gulf Coast and caught Doty's ears: On Valentine's day, 1938, Bennett J. Doty got up from his law office desk and told his secretary he was going to fight in Spain. He was never seen again.

French Foreign legionnaires undergo machine-gun drill, Syria, 1929. Carbines are M1916/27 in cal. 8mm Lebel. Corporal in foreground wears red armband for ID. Burros provide excellent transport over mountain terrain. Photo: Gene Christian Collection

We had been cut off from water, since the well was on the other side of the village and, of course, unreachable; we had very little in our *bidons*, and were almost mad with thirst.

Lt. Vernon got out some of the meager food supplies (they were in boxes which sheltered the *infirmier's* improvised first-aid station) and carefully distributed them. One tin of *singe* was given to each four men to be shared.

Herschkorn, a little Frenchman, volunteered to get wine. With a canvas bucket in each hand, he crawled under the snipers' fire to the wine barrel, and crawled back with the pails almost full. Each man was given a *quart*, a quarter of a liter, which we drank at once.

Meanwhile, our best shots at the wall were giving some attention to the snipers who, in the press of the charges, had been neglected. These sharpshooters were Herschkorn; Brix, an Austrian who was later killed at Rezza; Costanovitch, a long, lanky Russian; Bolse, an Alsatian; a little German called Kupe and Fleury, the Parisian from Montmartre. They were all veterans who took great pride in their marksmanship. They did not waste ammunition. When they shot, it was because they saw something. When they shot at something, they hit it. When they hit, they killed.

I joined them and we tried to pick off the snipers on the flat village roofs. These, in constant movement, appearing only when leaping from one roof to the other, were hard to hit, but every now and then one of my comrades succeeded, and we could see the body, made small by distance, pitch off the roof like a doll, or sprawl, arms over the edge, for all the world like a puppet at a *guignol*.

Then little Fleury decided to get the Emir. The Druse leader's horse had been led away, but he was still standing on the mound, surrounded by his guard, big black banners flapping above him. Either it is not etiquette for an Emir's guard of honor to seek cover, or else God knows what strange contempt of us and of death, trust in charms or fanaticism held them there.

But with Fleury, Costanovitch, Herschkorn and our other sharpshooters shooting close, and the rest of us doing as well as we could, they began to drop one after the other on the mound. Still there remained the Emir, in his chain-mail armor and casque, as still as a museum piece. Then finally we got him. He was standing one moment, down the next, and there was nothing on the

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Hollywood's Invention More Science Than Fiction

BLUE THUNDER!

by Andy Maree

Photos courtesy of Columbia Pictures

HOW far is Los Angeles prepared to go to provide security for the 1984 Summer Olympic Games? With the 28 July start of the games less than a year away, L.A. police are worried about possible *terrorism.* They want to make sure the scenario of Munich 1972 is not duplicated 12 years later in Los Angeles. Hollywood has a suggestion: *Blue Thunder!*

The movie title comes from the nickname given to an experimental helicopter equipped to handle any kind of crowd-control situation — "Blue" for the color of police uniforms and "Thunder" for the roar of the chopper's rotors.

In the movie, the Feds' copter can see people far *beneath it and zoom* in on the mole on a suspect's face if need be with the on-board camera equipment. With its dual shotgun microphones, the craft can hear and record conversations by tape recorder or video tape, to be used later as evidence.

Should a crime or threat be determined, the helicopter can spotlight the bad guys from above with a 30,000,000-candlepower, 200,000-watt night light.

If the situation is too much for the ground officers to handle, *Blue Thunder* can fire its 20mm cannon at a cyclic rate of 4,000 rounds per minute, using any combination of antipersonnel, armor-piercing or incendiary ammunition.

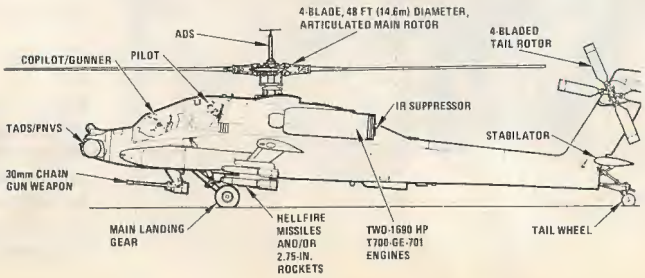
To make sure only the crooks are hit, the pilot uses three targeting tools: 1) the Target Acquisition and Designation Sight (TADS), manned by the copilot/gunner (CP/G) to search, detect, recognize and engage targets at significant distances away; 2) a Forward Looking Infrared (FLIR) sight for night vision, which integrates laser target-designator/range-finder capability; and 3) the Integrated Helmet and Display Sight System (IHADSS) incorporating the Pilot Night Vision Sensor (PNVS) so the pilot can turn his head and have the gun follow his line of sight, even in total darkness.

The same equipment used to detect the heat (PNVS) and distinguish trees from tanks at night is used in the movie to locate people thermographically, even inside a building. In fact, the hero, Officer Frank Murphy, LAPD ASTRO (air-support division) — played by Roy Scheider of *Jaws* fame — records the thermal images of the powerhungry Feds while simultaneously recording their plans to kill him.

Blue Thunder is able to gather the guilty truth about the Feds' devious experiment by hovering outside a window while switched into "Whisper" quiet mode and listening clandestinely to a conversation. The Thunder becomes a whisper at the flip of a toggle switch. Only by chance does the villain, Col. Cochrane (played by Malcolm McDowell, last seen in *Cat People*), pull back the curtain to see that Murphy has learned everything.

Loaded with weapons aimed by sophisticated electronic eyes and ears, AH-64 Apache Advanced Attack Helicopter may have been inspiration for *Blue Thunder* aircraft.

U.S. Army AH-64A APACHE Advanced Attack Helicopter



The chase is on! The on-board computer hooked up to data banks of the FBI, IRS and CIA serves to confirm Murphy's worst suspicions. He must get the tape to the media before the authorities gain a strangle-hold over Los Angeles by using *Blue Thunder.*

Wait a minute! Could all this gear be real? The *Blue Thunder* seems sexier than James Bond's Aston Martin in *Goldfinger.* SOF went to Hughes Helicopters, Inc. in Culver City, Calif., to find out.

In reality, except for the "Whisper" mode, all these capabilities could and have been integrated into a single military helicopter, the U.S. Army (Hughes) AH-64A Apache. Both the Apache and the LAPD Air Support Division exist.

The division fields police Bell JetRangers and Bell Model 47 bubble-style helicopters. The fiction and magic come together when Hollywood puts all the gear onto a single helicopter to make a

Bristling with weapons and sensors, *Blue Thunder* may represent patrol vehicles of the future.

Blue Thunder's in his heaven and all's right with L.A.

ABOVE: Current-issue police Bell JetRanger spotlights bad guy. RIGHT: Imitation M61-A1 20mm gun in nose of *Blue Thunder* upstages human co-star.

larger-than-life movie script.

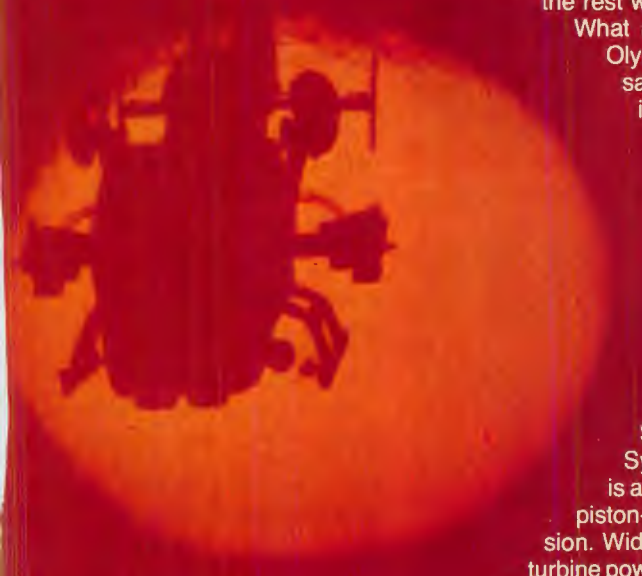
The Hughes Apache is an awesome war machine that started rolling off the production lines about the time *Blue Thunder* was released, May 1983. The Apache made its first appearance at the Paris Air Show that month.

Although it has no use for shotgun microphones and spotlights, the Apache can maneuver in any weather situation, see at night, thermographically detect the enemy and destroy him with a proud assortment of weapons, including a 30mm, single-barreled, chain-fed, belly-mounted gun, Hellfire missiles and aerial rockets. The Pilot Night Vision Sensor, which provides thermal imagery for fighting in the dark, could be used to see people behind a window and curtain, as in the movie. This same machine could be hooked to a video tape recorder to gather video evidence. The sound microphones, which have been used on movie sets for years to pick up actors' voices, could be directed at the same window for sound collection and recording. If the villainous Feds had been behind a wall and not a window, however, all bets would have been off.

For drama's sake — among other possible reasons — *Blue Thunder* mounted a six-barreled 20mm electronic Gatling gun on the nose modeled after the General Electric M61-A1 in use on the Bell Model 209/AH-1 Huey Cobra and the Grumman F-14 Tomcat fighter plane. After all, six barrels are more Hollywood than one. And *Blue Thunder* could fire different ammunition for different targets with computer assist at a 4,000-round-per-minute pace.

Although *Blue Thunder* looks like the Apache from Hughes, it started as a 1973 French Aerospatiale Gazelle five-passenger commercial helicopter, equipped with an Astazou III engine capable of producing 592 horsepower.

The cockpit was removed and a new cabin with flat windows was created to set off simulated bullet-proof glass. The fuselage started with the shrouded tail rotor, or fenestron, giving it a more deadly look than more familiar helicopters. The belly was covered with black honeycombed material, simulating armor plating and the rest was painted matte midnight blue.



What about the mission to keep Los Angeles terrorist-free during the Olympics? Without Hollywood's *Blue Thunder*, can the athletes feel safe? Fortunately for everyone, the LAPD ASTRO air-support division is also real and has one of the largest airborne law-enforcement operations in the world. And Olympic security is a top priority with them. In fact, the head of the ASTRO division, Capt. Robert O. Woods, both a fixed-wing and rotary-wing aircraft pilot himself, was in Washington to discuss plans for Olympic security when SOF visited his Los Angeles headquarters in May.

Adjutant Barry Bowman, who filled in for Woods, explained that although *Blue Thunder* was an exciting movie, his air-support division was far less "astro" than Murphy's ASTRO force. After all, Bowman pointed out, ASTRO is an acronym meaning Air Support to REGULAR Operations. The main "weapons" featured on the LAPD helicopters are the Night Sun light (made by Night Sun), the Stabilized Image Binoculars (manufactured by Tracor Sciences & Systems) and the standard police radio. The only sound projection gear is a belly-mounted public-address speaker. The division started with one piston-powered helicopter in 1956 as part of the Traffic Enforcement Division. Wide-range air support came about shortly after delivery of their first-turbine powered Bell JetRanger in 1968. The support area kept expanding until today there are 15 helicopters in service, 10 Bell JetRangers and five Bell Model 47-bubble-style aircraft used primarily for training.

It takes about six months to train a new pilot, according to Bowman, which breaks down to about 120 hours in the bubble and 80 hours in the JetRanger. Training is in-house. Commercial airlines — on the other hand — generally hire military pilots. One strict policy is that pilots are policemen first and pilots second. This means most pilots have had at least five years in a patrol car prior to taking to the air.

This training pays off because with an annual flight time in excess of 19,000 hours the helicopter policemen have an accident/mission ratio of near zero. Bowman said that the LAPD puts more hours on the Bell JetRanger than anybody else in the world and, as a result, Bell is monitoring them closely to learn ultimate stress-tolerance figures. The Bell JetRanger is like the Ford Falcon: It can't be killed, apparently.

On average, the patrol for a pilot lasts two hours and 15 minutes with enough fuel for an additional hour if a crisis occurs. The helicopters have been shot at but never hit, Bowman said. This may be attributable to the fact they never stop moving and such targets are tough to hit.

For the same reason, shooting *from* a helicopter is something that has yet to happen. It's difficult to be accurate while moving and the risk usually outweighs the benefits. However, there is no law, per se, that prohibits law-enforcement officers from doing it. The prohibition is more unwritten, Bowman explained.

As for the Olympics, helicopter security may be doubled from its present configuration with additional aircraft borrowed from the military. Money, not firepower, is the reason for the military additions. Proposition 13 in 1979 caused cutbacks of two pilots, one lieutenant observer and three police officer observers. So buying additional JetRangers is out of the question.

Can Los Angeles be secure during the 1984 Summer Olympics from 28 July through 12 August? The ASTRO squad advises: Don't worry!

Blue Thunder, **futuristic weapons platform, battles OH-6A in urban canyons.**

SAS Captures Terrorists on Film

THE FINAL OPTION

by Jim Monaghan

Photos courtesy of Euan Lloyd Productions

DATE: May 6, 1980 A Special Air Service (SAS) counterterrorist team of the 22nd SAS Regiment from Hereford Base rappels from the roof of the Iranian Embassy, London, England. After three frustrating days, Scotland Yard had irrevocably terminated negotiations with the Iraqi terrorists who had seized the Embassy and requested "The Final Option": the SAS. Inside the Embassy, the Iranian press attache had been murdered and his body dumped

SAS troop runs along Embassy roof. He carries rappel rope across his chest.

contemptuously on the Embassy steps by his killers. The terrorists had a choice of two options: prison or the morgue!

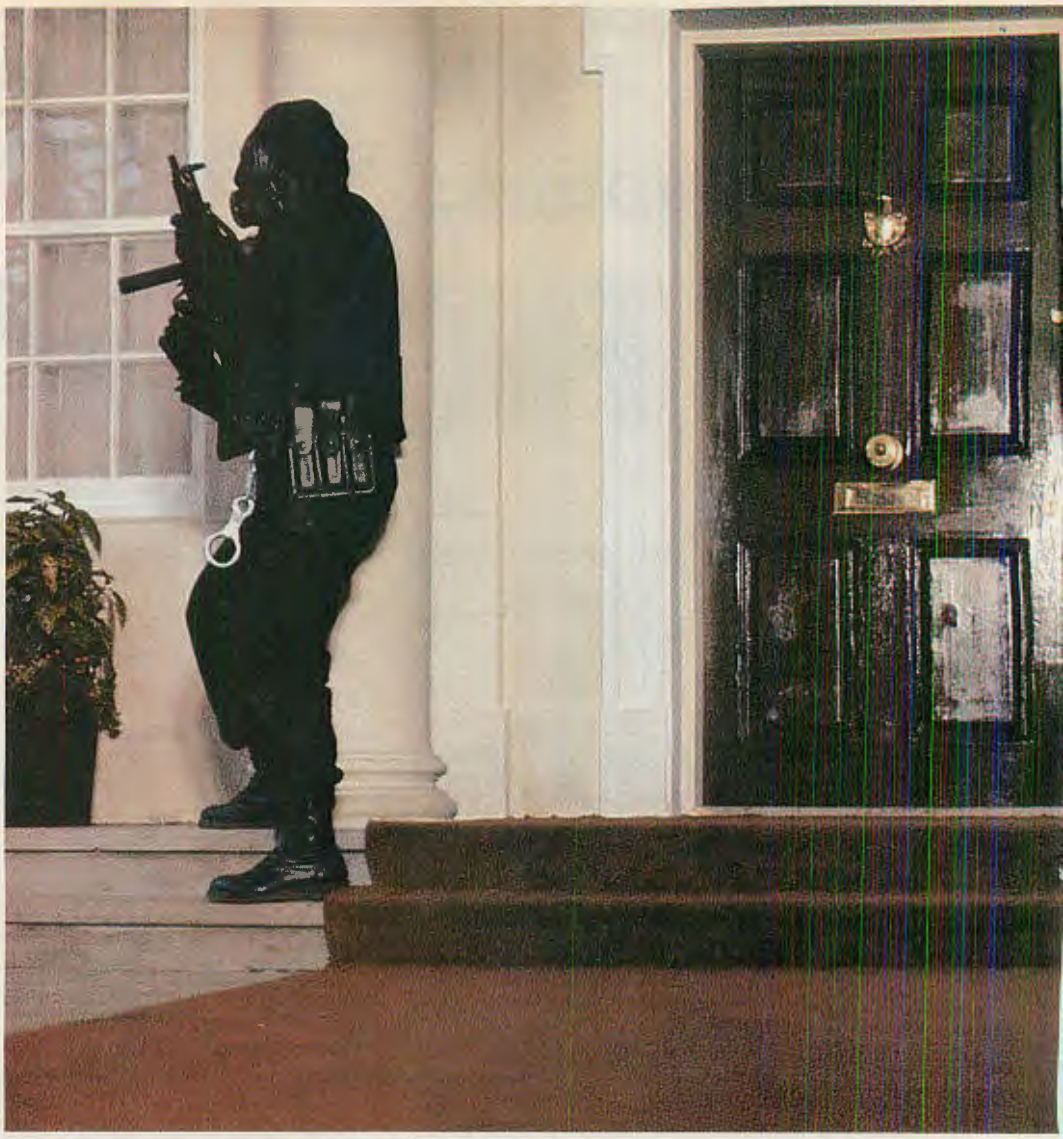
OBJECTIVE: The SAS team had but one option: rescue of the remaining hostages...alive.

RESULTS: The SAS assault lasted a mere 11 minutes, halting the murders then in progress and rescuing the other 19 hostages. This daring SAS rescue, while the eyes of the world were focused on London's real-life drama, was of incalculable value in demonstrating that the West could defend itself against terrorism.

As had happened at Entebbe, Mogadishu and Assen, in London international terrorist organizations were put on notice that the Western countries of the world were now prepared to vigorously combat the evil they found on their doorstep. The bodies of five dead terrorists lying in the smoking, shattered Iranian Embassy were irrefutable proof that Democracy would meet violence with violence.

Producer Euan Lloyd, *(The Wild Geese, The Sea Wolves, Shalako)* who was an on-the-spot spectator to the successful SAS assault from his nearby home, decided to produce a major film highlighting the SAS anti-terrorist squadron (more correctly, the Counter Revolutionary Warfare Team) and the versatile capabilities of this elite, professional military unit.

Lloyd combined talents with British thriller author George Markstein, who had worked in British Intelligence, and the incisive American screenwriter, Reginald Rose, *(Twelve Angry Men, Wild Geese)* and produced a fictional scenario undeniably inspired by the siege of the Iranian Embassy.



Action: While one SAS soldier uses Remington shotgun to blast hinges off front door of Embassy, second team member prepares to kick down door and assault.

Released in Europe under the title *Who Dares Wins* (the motto of the SAS Regiment), this British film will be distributed in mid-September in the United States entitled *The Final Option.* This gripping drama, set against a background of international terrorism and the anti-nuclear peace movement, blending fact and fiction, begins with the assassination of a British undercover agent who is participating in an anti-nuclear bomb march in London. The culprits: The People's Lobby, a radical anti-nuclear group thought to be planning an attack on a major target.

The scene then switches to the COBRA (Cabinet Office Briefing Room) Committee consisting of the British Home Secretary and the advisers for the police, M15, Scotland Yard and the SAS. This is the coordinating action group for anti-terrorist activities. A new agent is needed to infiltrate The People's Lobby. Their choice for this hazardous task is Capt. Peter Skellen (played by Lewis Collins), purportedly discharged from the SAS for disciplinary reasons.

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CRITIC OF FORTUNE

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He has been active in the POW/MIA movement and is currently co-director of operations for the Center for POW/MIA Accountability, a fact-finding group of former military officers headquartered in Washington, D.C. and chaired by retired Maj. Gen. Jack Singlaub.

British WASP helicopter flies toward Embassy. Slung below on stabo-type rig, SAS team will blast its way through Embassy windows. The harness connecting them to line is disconnected by quick-release device centered on wearer's chest and activated by sharp tap. Forward momentum is used to send them through knocked-out windows.

The vital split-second between success and failure....As SAS team prepares to blast their way through bricks and mortar, each man is carrying 9mm, 13-shot Browning High-Power automatic pistol. Assault group members must be able to burst into room in pairs and instantly fire two pistol rounds or short, controlled bursts of automatic fire — the "double tap" — into each terrorist, aiming for the head, without injuring their fellow team members or hostages.

TOUGH ACTOR TO FOLLOW

by Jim Monaghan

Lewis Collins, who portrays Capt. Peter Skellen, SAS, is a well-known actor in Europe and the Far East for his TV characterization of Special Agent Bodie in *The Professionals*. The violent nature of this show prevented it from getting major-network release in the United States.

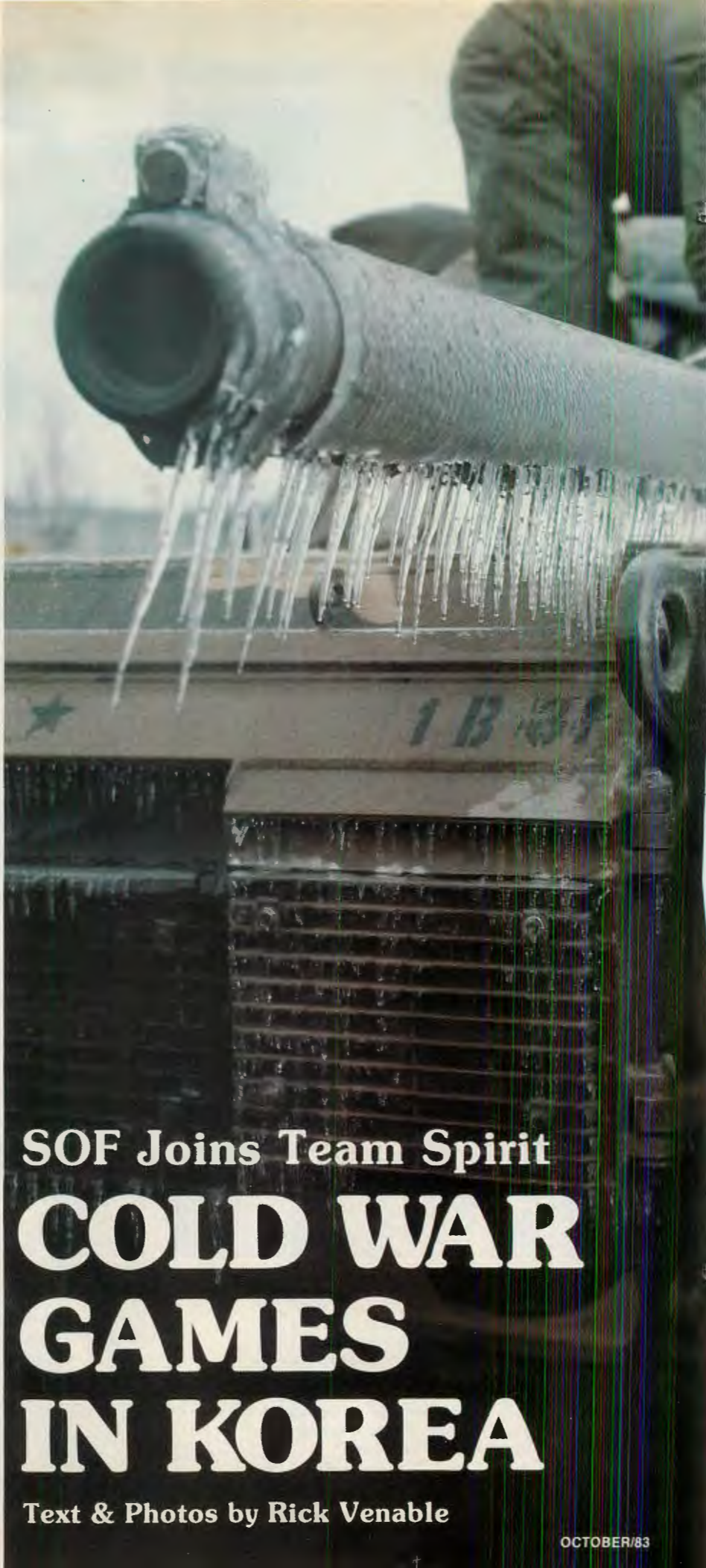
In addition to his acting credits, Collins has other talents that make him well-suited for his SAS role in *The Final Option*. He is a rated marksman with both rifle and pistol, holds a black belt in Ju-Jitsu and is a part-time soldier, training extensively with the British Territorial Parachute Regiment (equivalent to the U.S. active Army Reserve).

Several years ago, Collins applied for selection to the SAS Regiment (Territorial). Phase I of SAS selection is the physical build-up necessary for endurance selection, which is Phase II. The first objective is accomplished by cross-country marches in which the distance covered and the weight carried (pack and rifles) are increased each day. This test lasts 10 days and nights regardless of weather conditions.

Phase II lasts 21 days, with each day beginning at 0400 hours and ending (maybe) at 1030 hours, following a briefing for the next day's exercise. Most people who are fairly fit can keep going for eight to 12 hours, but after 21 consecutive 20-hour days, one's judgment becomes hazy due to lack of sleep and exhaustion. At the end of this 21-day phase, the selectors then subject the volunteers to the "endurance march." By *then, only the* most determined candidates remain in the course.

The final endurance obstacle is a minimum 40-mile march over mountains with a 55-pound rucksack, service rifle with basic ammo load and full canteens. It *must* be completed in 20 hours and each selectee must travel alone. Allowing for bad weather, map-reading errors, bad luck and poor judgment, the march may be, in fact, considerably longer. (The selection course for the U.S. Army Delta Force is similar to SAS selection.) Members of the unit have admitted that the endurance march is the most physically taxing obstacle throughout the selection process.

Lewis Collins successfully passed Phases I and II. However, because of the stringent SAS requirement for anonymity, he was not allowed to continue through Phases III and IV because his face is too well-known in Europe.



SOF Joins Team Spirit

COLD WAR GAMES IN KOREA

Text & Photos by Rick Venable

0245 hours, somewhere in northern South Korea — The ROKs were moving to the attack. A frigid wind hissed down the narrow defile between overarching mountains, working its way through chinks in my Army parka — a relentless, draining cold that numbed flesh and eroded alertness as the days went by. I won't even try to describe it, but I will say that there are no brass monkeys in Korea. Last week's mud was frozen steel-hard beneath my boots. Mountain crests loomed overhead as starless patches against a clear sky. A deuce-and-a-half idled, exhaust rising in a huge cloud. In its headlights an unending line of ROK infantry dogtrotted out of the paddy and disappeared to the night.

They were small men bundled in winter gear, mushroom-headed in camouflaged steel pots, faces gray and green with paint. They looked like children frowning against the cold. They are deceptive. Out of the paint they look cherubic, almost girlish, and seem fragile. In fact they can keep up that awkward trot for hours, and go undershirted in cold that damn near kills an American.

After watching them for two weeks, I decided that Koreans are either plain crazy, or the hardest mothers I have ever seen. In weather that had coffee freezing in the pot, I saw Korean children soaking their bare feet in rivers that had ice around the edges. Women squatted in the shallows to wash clothes. ROK soldiers bathed in it, for God's sake. Around people that hard, I smile and say, "Sir."

For half an hour I watched them stream from the blackness, moving fast to the attack. I don't know their unit. They don't say, and if you're smart, you don't ask. The ROKs don't want the North to know what outfits are out of the lines for the exercise.

For 12 days I had been watching Team Spirit, an annual exercise that, among other things, tests the ability of U.S. forces to get to Korea and work with ROK troops. But it is more than an academic exercise. Tensions are high on the DMZ. Suspicion grows that North Korean dictator Kim Il Sung may try again to hit the South before he dies — as he has sworn to do. While the ostensible purpose of Team Spirit is to practice mobilization, it is intended to persuade the North that the United States actually would fight. About 41,000 Americans have come to Korea specifically for the exercise. Most of them are from the 25th Division in Hawaii, but there are Marine units, an aircraft carrier — the *Enterprise* — a squadron of A-10s from Myrtle Beach, S.C., and other outfits.

It wasn't a bad exercise as exercises go. The more I watch this kind of war game, the more I wonder how much any of them are worth. Something, but not as much as you'd like.

American tanker braves Korean cold near DMZ during Team Spirit war game exercises.

First light in the coldest goddam valley I ever want to see. The mountains were pale with frost, making the Army's green camouflage stand out. I rolled out of my sleeping bag, choked down some sugarless almost-coffee that got cold as fast as it came off the stove, and went to where the tanks were whistling and howling on the road. There were several of them, M60A1s of the Three Quarter Cav, caked with dirt from days in the field. I climbed up the back of 3/7, my ride for the day, and said hello to the crew. They were only two, an E-5 tank commander and a driver. The loader had stayed sick in Honolulu. I tried to stand on the turret and shoot pictures down the line of armor. My fingers were too cold to feel the shutter release.

I ducked through the loader's hatch and sat on the seat. On the inside, tanks remind me of fast torpedo boats — white-painted metal everywhere, cables, hydraulic lines, smell of diesel oil, rumble of power-plant, rush of heater fan. They are comfortable on exercises. I don't want any part of them in combat. Buttoned up, you're blind.

I especially don't care for the M60A1. The M60 series was first fielded in the mid-'50s. They've been upgraded in various configurations, to the point that the engine can strip the main drive in the later models, but they're still old tanks.

The A1 still has an optical range finder, for example, extending across the front of the turret. The A3 and the new Abrams have a laser range-finder: The gunner gets the target in the cross-hairs

Bayonet fixed, tough ROK grunt stands guard duty at mountain tunnel.

and hits a button. The laser fires and the computer immediately puts the needed super-elevation on the gun. Then, boom.

The only trouble is that the laser beam can hit a weed and give a wrong reading. The result is real hard on the weed because that's where the 105 will go, but blowing up weeds isn't particularly useful in a war. One of the tank commander's jobs is to check to see whether the indicated range is reasonable.

The wind picked up. We moved out down the road. That's a great feeling: roaring along narrow Oriental roads, wearing a ski mask against the wind, heat flowing up from below, the tank lurching and heaving and voices crackling over the intercom.

To me the interesting thing about these exercises is the chance they give to see what the Army has really got. In this case it was a funny mixture of good and bad. The American tanks are old, and the ROKs have even older stuff — M48s. We still use the M113 APC, which can't begin to stand up to its better Soviet counterparts. The radios are the standard old stuff, and are almost a joke here: Time and time again I listened to units give up trying to find other units with radios that just couldn't hack it in the mountains. One day, when the United States runs into serious jamming, we will pay the price of second-rate commo.

The ROK Air Force still flies real old stuff — some F-4s but also, believe it or not, F-86s. The theory is that it is enough to stop the ancient gear the bad guys up north have — but you would get the same effect with fewer lives lost if you had good equipment. On the other hand, the USAF was flying F-16s and A-10s, first-rate planes.

At a concealed headquarters complex in the mountains — The new camouflage net for tents and vehicles is superb. From 50 feet it is hard to see. From 50 yards it wouldn't exist.

I was standing by a truck guarded by its driver, a bored E-2. A lieutenant walked up and asked in his best DI's voice, "You look sick, Petronella. What's the problem — your body or your morale?"

"Officers, sir!"

It wasn't the answer the lieutenant expected. "Officers?!"

"Yes, sir!"

The lieutenant wasn't sure whether this was honesty or insubordination. He thought a moment. "Yeah, Petronella, maybe so. I haven't had much luck with them either." He walked away.

I was surprised several times to hear the Army bad-mouthing the Air Force. I don't know how widespread the feeling is, but the guys I talked to don't believe the Air Force will give them ground support in a war. One complaint pretty

much summed it up: "The damned Air Force just wants the glory-boy stuff, air-to-air combat and strategic. Close-air doesn't turn them on. If war comes we ain't gonna get any help from them. That's how it was in 'Nam — they'd drop their stuff from too high to hit anything. If you needed nape you tried to get the Navy or Marine flyers. They'd do it fast and right."

Maybe. I don't know about the Air Force, but I remember that the Marine flyers around Da Nang used to come in so low it amounted to high-speed taxiing. I've heard they used to find hair and teeth stuck on their wings when they landed — but this may be stretching it.

As for the quality of the troops, it was hard to tell. They are nothing like as bad as they were eight years ago. Morale is good, even on mornings that would freeze the personals off an iron

LEFT: Blue Force M60A1 tank (left) moves to attack as Korean infantryman scrambles up hill after popping smoke grenade. BELOW: M113 Armored Personnel Carrier crewman scans Korean countryside. Note .50-cal. M2 HB machine gun mounted with crew-served night vision device.

dog, and there was no insubordination at all — Petronella's screwing around doesn't count. But, as usual, the ordinary Regular-Army troops just don't much care what happens on exercises. There is considerable slackness.

On the other hand, if you spend a lot of time with elite outfits, which tends to be the rule at SOF, you find yourself *holding* the ordinary dogface to unreasonable standards. Wars are fought mainly with so-so troops.

Dawn. *I* have been crouched on this river bank for three hours, waiting for the Orange Force to make a river crossing at first light. Above me on low bluffs Korean infantry dog-trots past on a flanking movement of some sort. These guys are always coming unexpectedly from the night and disappearing again, never telling you where they are going or why. Nothing moves across the river.

Finally, well after first light, some trucks and armor appear on the opposite shore. Pontoon carriers drop their big double floats into the river. A boat begins pushing them together to form a bridge. It isn't done badly but is much too slow. It will obviously be many hours before anything can cross.

Team Spirit is supposed to be a free-play exercise, meaning that things develop tactically without a rigid plan. In fact, it is only semi-free-play. Still, the idea is to complete the crossing before the other side finds out about it.

It doesn't work. Suddenly there is the sound of an angry vacuum cleaner and, shades of aviation history, a ROK F-86 makes a bombing run at the bridge. I look up and here comes another one, with a real hot-dog pilot: He comes in inverted, rolls up on one wing, holds it, flattens out, and makes his run. In the real world, the bridge would probably be destroyed and the crossing aborted. But the controllers rule that the crossing worked.

Camouflaged ROK infantry of Blue Force moves out after river crossing. It's colder out than it looks.

Grumman F-14 Tomcat carrier-based multi-role fighter touches down on deck of USS *Enterprise*.

Here in my view is the greatest weakness of these exercises: the lack of any real way of knowing who won. In Team Spirit, as in Reforger and everywhere else, a group of "controllers" watch the engagements and decide who wins. I have no doubt they do the best they can — but it isn't very good. They have to go by their judgments of tactical position, numbers, surprise and so on: If 50 Blue Force tanks catch 10 Orange Force tanks from behind, then Blue wins. The controllers then tell Orange that they lost, say, nine tanks, and have to retreat.

Several things are wrong with this. First, it gives no credit for superior marksmanship and calm under stress. If the ambushed tanks or infantry are from an outfit that has stressed marksmanship and fire discipline, in a real war they might whip the ambushing force after light losses. It may be that the ambushing force can't shoot worth a damn — a lot of U.S. armor can't. The controllers can't tell.

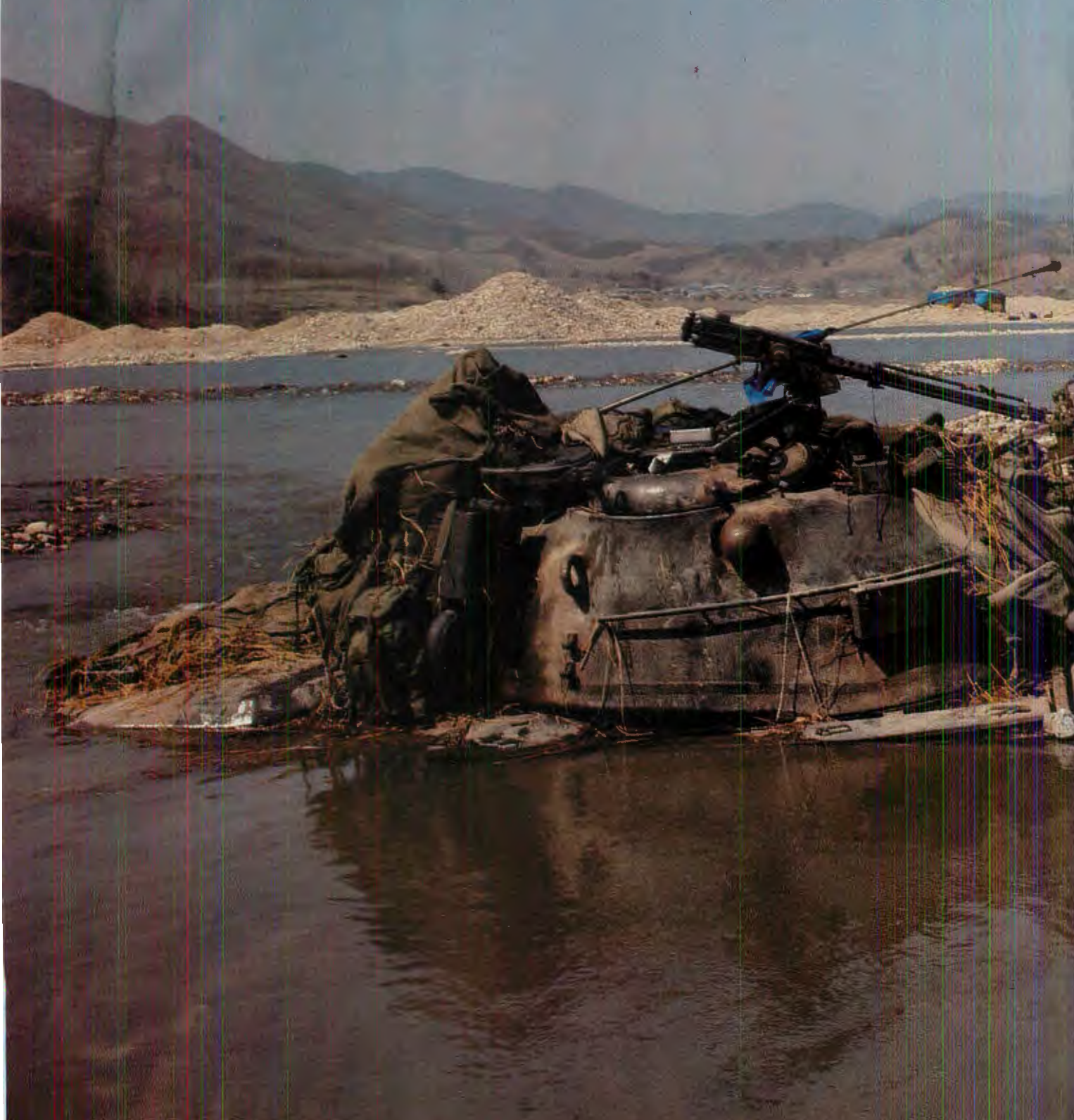
U.S. Navy crewman (above) attaches fuel pods to carrier aircraft aboard USS *Enterprise*. ROK trooper (right) mans Browning .50-cal. M2 HB machine gun on DMZ.

Second, this bang-bang-you're-dead stuff does not motivate the troops. Battalion commanders may get off on maneuvering their outfits, but the men have no way of knowing whether they are hitting what they are shooting at. Consequently it is just a make-believe game to them.

Third, it doesn't encourage the unorthodox but brilliant tactician. He risks being declared the loser because the book doesn't like what he does, even though he might have won in the real world.

What everyone wants — although it might be prohibitively expensive — is a version of the MILES (Multiple Integrated Laser Engagement System) which puts low-power lasers on rifles and tank guns and receivers on infantrymen and tanks. If one tank fires at another and gets a hit, a light on the destroyed tank begins flashing and there is no doubt who is dead. This allows for more realistic training and interests the troops, who love it.

At least as important, the commander who uses the most effective tactics wins, regardless of what the book says. A serious problem in every war we have fought is that the first year is spent getting rid of lousy tacticians, always at a high cost in blood. Having good ones in



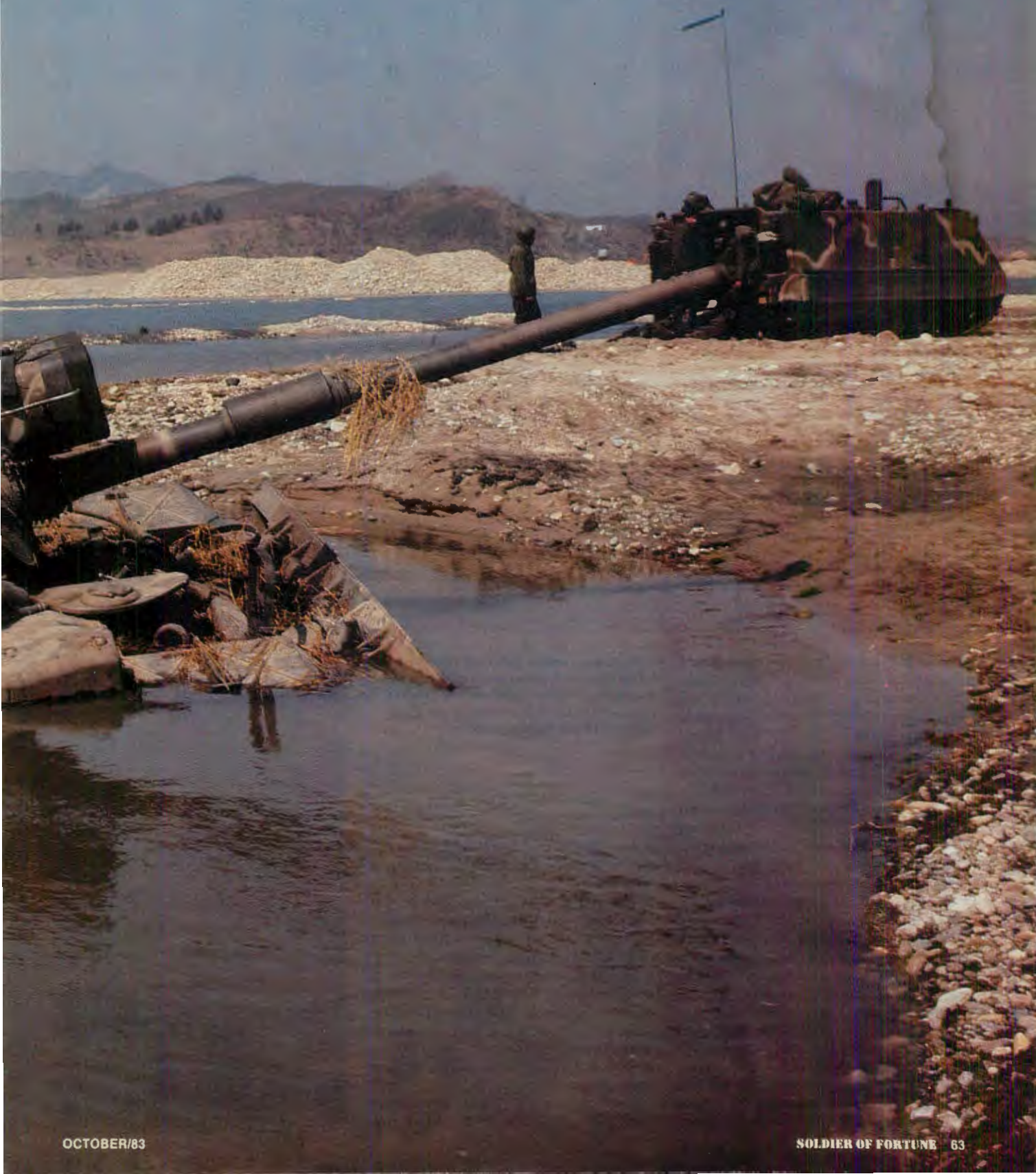
M60A1 Main Battle Tank slogs through icy Korean river during Team Spirit exercises.

the first place would be worth any price.

Noon. We are somewhere over the ocean en route to the *Enterprise* in a COD, which stands for Carrier Onboard Delivery — a twin-prop, noisy, cramped plane in which you sit backward, strapped in tightly, with a crash helmet on. Men who have made arrested landings don't need to be told why.

The engines change tone, warning me that we are on final to the Big E. Suddenly there is a terrific jolt — the Navy isn't kidding when it says that a carrier landing is a "controlled crash." My guts flatten against my rib cage during the short, sharp deceleration that is the weirdest feeling I ever had.

The COD is full of Japanese photographers. Korea is local news for them and they cover it heavily. We stagger onto the flight deck. As usual, it reeks of burned kerosene. The flight-deck crew is running everywhere in the ballet of flight ops, which looks chaotic but in fact is one of the most beautifully organized performances you will ever see. Skies are gray. An incredible howling shriek comes, a sound that is more a trembling in the lungs, then a tremendous thump and whoosh. An F-14 screams off the deck.



U.S. Army tanker (above) tries to keep the cold away on frigid Korean morning. Military policeman (right) mans M60 GPMG mounted on jeep during Team Spirit patrol.

The XO and three chiefs appear and politely but very firmly get us off deck. As a means of getting killed, wandering around on the flight deck during ops is about as good as you will find. These crates can launch and retrieve a plane a minute when they want to. Do that on an airfield of 4.5 acres, with fighters parked everywhere, catapults and arresting gear throwing and catching tons of metal, and fuel and bombs lying around, and — well, you don't need visiting idiots in the way.

For five hours we inspect the boat. As Navy ships usually are, she is obviously in good shape and well-run. The sailors look sharp. The repair shops and work spaces are clean and neat. Morale is good. We go through the galley and the cooks all try to get us to take their pictures: "Make me a star!" On the *Enterprise,* not all the ham is in the soup.

When flight ops shut down we go out on the deck. The ocean is gray and huge around us. Sailors in running shoes and shorts are out doing their daily three miles. Maybe you don't think of a carrier as a place for running, but lots of guys do it.

The XO comes with us and nearly goes crazy when the Japanese photographers spread out like frightened quail and start taking pictures of everything. The Japs go nuts over American military gear. We spend 15 minutes trying to find them: "12, 13, no, there he goes again — how many of these guys were there?" Off the port bow a Soviet *Krivak* watches. Ivan is usually around somewhere.

Back in the COD. We strap in for the catapult shot. The crew check our

straps very, very carefully. On landing, the deceleration forced us into our seats, which face backward. Even if a strap broke, probably nothing would happen. Taking off, an unsecured passenger would be thrown with lethal force to the rear.

If you haven't experienced a cat, you can't begin to imagine it. The pilot raises his hand: brace. Suddenly my eyeballs try to pop out of my head and the straps half tear my shoulders off. A cat doesn't help the engines to get the craft into the air. It just throws it to flight speed. We are airborne.

The DMZ — I happen to know that the managing editor of this magazine is bored by the tunnels that the North Koreans keep digging under the DMZ. Well, I'll keep it short — but I have been in those suckers, and they aren't entirely boring. The ROKs have blocked them up with concrete with a hole in it, and put mines and claymores on the other side. Some poor grunt gets to sit there in the lousiest guard post imaginable and man an M60 machine gun pointed through the hole. That's as screwy a job as I ever want to see.

The North Koreans swear the tunnels are really abandoned coal mines. The miners were pretty thorough: There isn't a trace of coal left in them.

Some Godforsaken river bed. I am sitting in a tank, guarding an imaginary POL dump. It is late afternoon. Fifty yards away a bunch of MPs are guarding imaginary prisoners. Two of them are females. The last time I asked the Pentagon about women in combat, I couldn't understand the answer: something like we are training them in combat jobs because we aren't going to let them fight. I've seen a lot of them carrying rifles in the boonies here.

The sun sinks lower. Suddenly the driver yells from his compartment, "Heater quit."

I get a sinking feeling in the pit of my stomach. It always happens to me: I go near a tank, and the heater quits. The last time it happened was in a sleet storm at Ft. Hood. Jesus, a Korean night in a heatless tank.

The tank commander understands the gravity of the problem. "Fix it or you get guard duty for the rest of your life!"

The driver tries. Soon a thick cloud of diesel smoke pours from the heater. We begin choking and stand in the hatches. The heater won't start. It is getting cold. I begin wondering why the hell I didn't become an accountant like Mom said I should.

The sun goes down behind the hills. The smoke thickens. I begin coughing. Great: I am rotting my lungs out in a burning tank, about to freeze my crank off to protect a fuel dump that doesn't exist. What a life.

DMZ PATROL

by Liananon

There is a pleasant fiction among those in the halls of Washington, not to mention CBS *et al.*, that the U.S. military no longer goes out to kill bad guys. In the early '70s, that view was rampant, especially since we had just left Vietnam. I seem to recall Uncle Walter telling the world about this time that nowhere was there a U.S. soldier in combat. I believe that was just before this patrol.

American troops patrolling the Korean DMZ were under a far different and more restrictive set of rules than ever prevailed in Vietnam. Officially, we could lethally ambush any unidentified individual within 25 meters *if* he was confirmed to be carrying a weapon. This was a real trick in itself, since the bottom of a coal mine was only slightly darker than the DMZ at midnight.

In reality, every round of ammunition had to be accounted for, and God help the man that fired a weapon. Anyone guilty of doing so had to account for his sins to a staff officer from south of the river, who firmly believed that North Koreans ranked right up there with Little Green Men as figments of the imagination. It was either bring back a body or cover up like hell.

This was not totally conducive to a frank command relationship, but it sure made a lot of staff types colonels. It also made good civilians out of a lot of junior officers and good NCOs.

That night, my six-man patrol was inserted into position by the usual methods — truck and foot. After about three hours in position, all but my RTO and I were asleep, a condition I preferred since the troops made less noise that way. I began hearing brush movement about a hundred meters out. After confirming a suspected direction with my RTO, I suffered a rush of dumb-ass to the head and told him I was going after the line crosser. I realized he would never approach my current position at the angle he was moving, so I began to edge up to intercept him. In my inexperience, I forgot that I was now making as much noise as he was. I soon discovered during a halt that he was now stalking me.

We began a slow-motion dance through the brush, making rough circles around each other. He couldn't find me, and I could never get a clear fix on him. Finally, I almost stumbled over one of the Korean grave statues that still dotted the area after 20 years and flattened next to it.

My stalking horse must have worked, because I heard his AK crack and saw the muzzle flash about 10 meters to my left front. I let him get one more shot, and felt the stone chips from the grave statue fly next to my neck. I aimed even with the flash and about two feet behind it, then let go with two three-round bursts. I heard something hit the ground, but I also heard more brush noises coming from the direction of North Korea. Friends of his, I figured.

I performed the most dangerous act of the night, getting back to my edgy troopers, with reasonable success and safety. Then we just sat there and listened to brush noises from the direction of my late visitor. In the morning, we checked the area and found a hell of a lot of blood and some drag marks, but no body. Fortunately, we had radioed in a report that the ROKs and North Koreans were trading shots again.

When we got back to the gate on the barrier fence, we were met by a couple of sleepy S2s, one from battalion and one from brigade. The questioning went all right, because everyone knew enough to say they didn't know anything. The captain from brigade personally inventoried all of our ammunition. It was all there.

He never did find the spare half-magazine in my pants pocket.

KOREA WAITS FOR WAR

U.S. Presence Maintains Precarious Peace

by Charles W. Sasser

South Korean and U.S. Army soldiers inspect bodies of two of three North Korean infiltrators killed 19 June '83 while trying to swim across Imjin River into South Korea; that area, 20 miles northwest of Seoul, is common route used by communist spies to infiltrate into capital. Photo: UPI

IT is 120 miles across the Sea of Japan to the Republic of Korea. The MATS with its cargo of U.S. Army Special Forces hopped the sea in a half-hour. Korea, North and South, is a tiny nation divided — smaller than the state of Florida. From the air you can see almost the entire peninsula. You can see Pyongyang, North Korea's capital, Manchuria and even the USSR if you know where to look for it in the northwest corner.

You can also see the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ). It stretches 151 miles from the Sea of Japan to the Yellow Sea. It is an ugly 2½-mile-wide slash across mountains and valleys. Most of the vegetation has been destroyed to give unobstructed views. Although there are 800 persons per square mile in South Korea and living space is at a premium, there are only two villages on the DMZ. The communists have one: Paekchong-ni (Propaganda Village), which has no permanent population, but families and farmers are sometimes bussed in to impress visitors. The South has Taesong-dong Village. It is a geniune farming village. The DMZ otherwise remains a barren collar stretched around the neck of the dragon to keep its two heads from biting each other.

Only, it doesn't work. The Korean conflict did not end in 1953. It continues today along the DMZ, making Korea one of the most potentially explosive regions in the world. Here, the free world openly clashes with the iron curtain.

"There are a lot of people getting killed here," said an officer with the U.S. 2nd Infantry Division. The United States still has some 39,000 troops stationed in-country. "There were about 600 people killed last year in clashes along the DMZ. You can call it a war or not, but it's a war if you're the one getting shot at and killed."

The MATS' load of U.S. Green Berets was only a minute contingent of over 180,000 U.S. troops and virtually the entire half-million ROK (Republic of Korea) army involved in the 1979 joint war games. I was senior medic for one of the SF operational detachments (the exact unit cannot be named). After 18 years kicking around the world with both the U.S. Navy and Army Special Forces, I'd picked up some insight into global military affairs. I'd been a Secret Crypto operator, an A Team intelligence sergeant, an aircraft safety expert and a journalist specializing in military affairs and guerrilla warfare. I was looking forward to training with the ROK Special Warfare Command and its brigade of Korean Special Forces. Naturally, Special Forces would be operating near the DMZ.

The first thing you notice about Korea coming in across the sea is the thick, oily pollution haze. It rises thousands of feet into the air before dissipating, the result of millions of oil fires used for cooking and heating. It is so thick on the ground that you can taste it.

The first thing you notice about Korea when you land is that war here is a personal, imminent and continuing threat. The country remains on a constant war footing. The signs of it are everywhere. Ordinary life in South Korea, especially near the DMZ, is conducted among uniforms, big guns, barbed wire, sand bags, and all the other machines and accoutrements of war.

Taxis, like most in Asia, buzz around like earthbound hornets menacing pedestrians, bicycles, military vehicles and each other. Old women in the Inchon markets squat to sell live eels and dried squid stacked up like cords of firewood. An armed ROK officer in uniform buys a sackful of dried fish and some

ginseng root. Two men step off a broken sidewalk to relieve themselves against a wall surrounding a military compound. A rice farmer in a little wagon drawn by some sort of roto tiller passes a checkpoint manned by a soldier with a carbine.

Armed platoons of ROK infantry are so familiar that an old woman balancing a big basket on her head doesn't even give them a glance when they double-time past her. A pair of infantrymen manning a 50-caliber sandbagged machine gun idly regards the old woman. Heavily armed troops man gun bunkers and sandbagged revetments at other strategic locations. Concrete dragon's teeth thwart armed vehicles. Big guns — 105s, quad-50s, mortars, antiaircraft — wait at Inchon, at Bupyong and other DMZ sites. They are sandbagged in and camouflaged, their muzzles zeroed in on potential targets along the DMZ.

Korea waits for war.

"One morning we will awaken to the sounds of battle," an ROK SF officer told me. "My country has discussed unification with North Korea, but those talks have ended. The North wants to unify us by conquering us."

Located at the convergence point of three major surrounding powers — Japan, China and Russia — Korea historically has suffered periodic invasion from its neighbors. The last was by Japan, whose 34-year colonial reign was ended by WWII.

An offshoot of the Yalta Agreement divided the tiny country into North and South along the 38th Parallel North Latitude. As in Berlin, this was supposed to be a temporary arrangement. However, Soviet-occupied North Korea refused to participate in the UN-supervised general election of 1948. The Republic of Korea was formed on 15 August 1948. Simultaneously, the Russians established a communist regime in North Korea.

These political developments led to a fierce fratricidal war less than two years later.

It is significant in light of the guerrilla activity still occurring along the DMZ that the Korean conflict began with armed North Korean guerrillas dispatched into the T'aebaek Mountains in 1950. The guerrillas spearheaded an all-out invasion on 25 June 1950. Leading the invasion were 242 Russian-built tanks supported by 211 Russian-manufactured aircraft. Opposing the invasion was a ragtag South Korean army, many of its soldiers not even armed, and 500 American advisers.

The story of how the commies took Seoul in three days and most of the rest of the peninsula within 40 is now history. So also is the epochal MacArthur landing at Inchon that turned the tide of the war. After UN forces pushed their way up nearly the entire neck of the country, they were stopped by Chinese hordes pouring across the Manchurian border. The UN command finally signed an armistice with North Korea on 27 July 1953, which established the present DMZ generally along the old lines of the 38th Parallel.

Republic of Korea troops are tough, well-disciplined and dedicated to keeping their homeland free of communist domination. U.S. Special Forces soldiers claim they'd rather fight alongside ROK troops than any others in world. Photo: Rick Venable

In spite of the armistice, there has never been peace.

Today, the combined forces of the North and South — 1.5 million men backed by 3.5 million men in paramilitary forces — confront each other across the narrow DMZ in a tense situation with the capability to lead to far-flung consequences. Four of the world's most powerful nations have ties to the divided little country: Japan, China, Russia and the United States. So far, the United States is as deeply committed to the defense of South Korea as the communists are to the unification of Korea under the Red flag.

The Republic of Korea possesses the sixth largest armed force in the world with 600,000 men under arms, 500,000 of whom are in the army. Most of this force by necessity is concentrated along the DMZ. Waiting. It is dedicated to defending the South at all costs.

"Victory at first encounter," is its motto.

With U.S. aid, free Korea is well-equipped and well-supplied. Its arsenal includes 175mm field artillery pieces, eight-inch self-propelled guns, Honest John, Hawk, TOW and Vulcan missiles. The nation now produces internally M16s, 20mm antiaircraft machine cannon, 155mm howitzers, 81mm and 4.2-inch mortars, 166mm recoilless guns, 3.5-inch rockets, choppers, tanks, vehicles and communications equipment.

While South Korea expresses its determination to defend itself, the North makes no bones about its intention to eventually unify the country by armed force. North Korea's strategy for accomplishing this has not changed since 1950. Again, the communists emphasize guerrilla warfare to create a front deep in the South, followed by the launching of numerically superior forces across the truce line. For three decades the communists have concentrated on a military buildup to accomplish their aims.

Numerical superiority is evident in the North's arsenal. An example is North Korea's 35 infantry divisions and two tank divisions compared to the South's 17 infantry divisions and seven tank battalions. In addition, North Korea is armed with superior FROG missiles, while the South has Honest

Johns, Hawks and SAMs. Communist troops mass north of the demilitarized zone. They, too, wait for war. Since the armistice was signed at Panmunjom in 1953, North Korea has violated the terms of the agreement on more than 40,000 occasions on land, sea and air.

As early as 1970, North Korean communists declared at the Fifth Workers' Party Congress: "Our war preparations are now complete."

The question that continues to plague Western observers is: Will the Republic of Korea be able to defend itself against the North when the time comes without U.S. support?

The so-called "Nixon Doctrine" of 1971 proposed that American involvement in Korea gradually be phased out. The U.S. 7th Division was withdrawn. Nixon expected to pull out the remainder of U.S. forces (2nd Infantry Division and an air division) by the early 1980s. Just a few months before the 1979 war games, President Jimmy Carter wanted to honor the doctrine and withdraw Americans as quickly as possible. Near panic followed. The North did not attack the South in 1950 until all but a few American advisers had left. Most military men in Korea, ROK and the United States felt 1980 would be a replay of 1950 if Americans departed.

"Just as soon as American soldiers leave," a ROK colonel predicted, "the communists will attack in force. They know that once Americans leave they will not return to help us."

The U.S. 1st Special Forces Group has one detachment left after the Group was dissolved. That detachment occupies an old bullet-scarred bunker in Seoul.

"Our people back home don't understand the menace of communism," a detachment member said in reaction to the threatened curtailment of U.S. involvement. The member, who prefers not to be identified, is an old Asian hand with some 20 years experience in the Orient, including Vietnam. "Korea is one of the few countries in the world where the Yank is not received as an Ugly American. We're inviting a communist takeover when we leave. The communists know we haven't got the balls to come back once we leave. South Korea, like South Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos, will go communist."

"Kim Il-Sung [North Korean president] will not attack," said U.S. Air Force Lt. Gen. Winfield W. Scott Jr., deputy commander of U.S. Forces, Korea, "as long as the United States is committed to South Korean defense and as long as the political and economic atmosphere remains stable in the South and we are not tied down in a major conflict elsewhere."

So far, American forces remain in Korea. South Korea may not have to prove itself until after the United States pulls out.

U.S. M60A1 battle tanks were used in most recent joint U.S.-ROK war games designed to keep South Korea prepared for the war it anticipates. Photo: Rick Venable

I had to admit one thing though, watching Korean "Steel Men" (the Korean equivalent of Green Berets) doing morning calisthenics: They certainly looked fit. They are mostly young men in their 20s, strong, muscled and healthy looking.

It was a bitter cold morning in February. The Steel Men cheerfully shucked their black berets and jackets and turned out in T-shirts to practice karate forms. Everything was done in perfect synchronization. The kicks, the jabs, the pirouettes. It resembled well-choreographed ballet. When one of the troopers screwed up, an NCO, aware of the American watching, stormed over and cuffed him soundly on the head.

Afterward, the NCO approached me. He spoke passable English, a lot better than I spoke Korean. Many Koreans know at least some English.

"Discipline necessary," he explained. "Obedience must be required. No mistake."

"Are the troops often disciplined like that?" I asked.

"No. Sometimes we kick them."

"Does it work?"

"You saw," he said. "Did you see others make mistake?"

I had to admit I hadn't.

"We fight," said the NCO. "We in combat." His face was grim. He pointed toward the North. "We fight there. All time, North come across DMZ. We kill them."

He told me about one of the latest guerrilla incidents. It happened about a month before we arrived, he said. A party of six communist guerrillas infiltrated the South by boat from the Yellow Sea. Apparently, their mission was to gather intelligence on ROK military maneuvers along the demarcation line. An ROK SF patrol encountered the enemy patrol a few miles south of the DMZ in the mountains. A half-hour running fire fight ensued with the communists attempting to reach their boat hidden in a cove. All the guerrillas were killed. The Steel Men suffered no casualties.

"They all time do this," said the NCO. "They here now. They watch. When Korea-U.S. Special Forces go to maneuver, we take real ammunition." He grinned suddenly. "Maybe we see, how you say — commies? Maybe we kill them."

"Maybe," I agreed.

"Our Special Forces tough, disciplined," he said. "They fight good."

All ROK forces are sticklers for discipline. In the Korean army, an ROK corporal commands more respect and authority than the average SFC in the U.S. Army. If a lower-ranking soldier makes a mistake, whether it be in drill, tactics or even in military courtesy, he expects to be corrected by pummeling. It might be crude, but it seems to work. At least for Koreans.

A former sergeant with the U.S. 5th Special Forces Group recalled how the ROKs conducted themselves in battle

in Vietnam. Sgt. Bruce Stubbs trained Cambodian troops during the final years of the war. Koreans ran security for his training compound near Cam Ranh Bay. By the late 1960s, South Korea had 47,000 troops fighting in Vietnam. An estimated 250,000 Korean soldiers served for at least some period during the nine years of Korean involvement in Vietnam.

"I don't know how they got that way, whether it's discipline or what, but they're damn tough fighters," Stubbs said. "Charlie was terrified of the ROKs because they took no shit. They were there for one purpose: to go out and kick Charlie in the ass. And that's what they did every chance they got. I'd rather fight alongside ROKs than with any other army in the world."

If North Korea follows its old strategy of spearheading an attack with guerrillas, the Steel Men will doubtlessly be the first troops committed to battle. In fact, they have been fighting along the DMZ since their inception in 1968. In that year a Special Warfare Command was set up composed of paratroopers in an all-volunteer, commando-style special-forces brigade and a psyops warfare battalion in response to infiltration and subversive activities by the North. ROK Special Forces are credited with curtailing much of the enemy activity that once made the mountains north of Seoul and Inchon the most hazardous "peace time" battle zone in the world. According to some reports, the Steel Men have killed hundreds of communist infiltrators.

It was into this dangerous land just south of the DMZ that combined U.S.-Korean SF troops would be inserting by parachute. Officers were given live ammo to issue in case a team encountered commie infiltrators and ended up in a fire fight.

"North Korea send spies," my ROK counterpart assured me. "Maybe we see. Maybe not. But they will be there."

The DMZ remains a hotbed of hostile activity. Communists have repeatedly violated territorial air space and infiltrated South Korea by spy boats. Incidents have led to hundreds of deaths in the 30 years since truce was declared. In 1969, there were 100 DMZ defenders killed in fire fights, including 21 Americans. During that same year, North Korea shot down an unarmed U.S. recon plane. In one recent 10-day period, North Koreans infiltrated the South on 26 separate occasions, resulting in 20 dead communists. An unarmed U.S. helicopter over South Korean territory fell to enemy fire in 1976. But perhaps the most notorious incidents involved the USS *Pueblo* and the so-called "ax murders of Panmunjom."

In 1968, North Korea captured the USS *Pueblo* in international waters and held the ship's crew prisoner for 11 months. In 1976, communist soldiers attacked and murdered with axes two American officers and severely beat 10 enlisted men. UN protests invariably resulted in harsh denials at Panmunjom.

ROK SF soldier waits for war at compound not far from DMZ. His weapon is U.S. M16, now internally manufactured in Korea. Photo: Charles Sasser

"It is you who are provoking a new war," communist spokesmen cried. "You have fired 106,000 bullets into our lines. The results of your aggression will be the flames of total war. If you want to avoid the fate of dead Kennedy, stop making political invectives and accusations at this table."

Park Chung Hee, president of the Republic of Korea from 1961 to 1980, when he was finally assassinated, was the target of repeated assassination attempts by communist guerrillas. His wife was murdered in one attempt. A captured guerrilla turned informant explained how the assassination raids were conducted.

Kim Shin Toe was one of 31 members of North Korea's 124th Guerrilla Unit which slipped across the DMZ on 16 January 1968, on a clandestine mission to behead President Park.

"The 124th Guerrilla Unit has 2,400 guerrillas divided onto eight bases," he told ROK interrogators. "Gen. Kim Chung Tae assigned my unit the mission to kill Park. We left our base on the afternoon of 16 January in a military bus with a supply truck and escort jeeps. It was seven in the evening the next day when we reached the DMZ. We were not detected when we crossed the border on foot that night."

The large patrol made its way south to Seoul using lonely mountain trails. Somewhere along the route woodcutters spotted the armed group and notified Seoul security guards. The communist commandos were almost to the presidential palace before they were intercepted.

"It was like they were insane and wished to destroy everything around them," a Seoul officer involved in the fight said.

The commandos threw hand grenades at city buses, killing three passengers and wounding many. They then charged the Blue House, the president's residence. Seoul police opened fire with automatic weapons. The fire fight was fierce and bloody. When it was over, 28 guerrillas lay strewn across the grounds. Two communists escaped. Kim Shin Toe was captured.

Kim said, "We were told that we would disrupt South Korea and make everyone afraid by killing Park."

The captured guerrilla knew he was a marked man. His own countrymen would kill him if they could. Kim had disobeyed orders twice, first by not destroying himself when he was captured and, second, by turning informant.

"They will have executed my family by now," he said. "That is what happens when you are unsuccessful and do not do the honorable thing."

Rumors of secret tunnels being drilled beneath the DMZ large enough to handle the passage of tanks were partially substantiated in the mid-1970s. The first tunnel was discovered in November 1974, a second in March 1975. Both were large enough for foot troops. They were blown up.

U.S. troops discovered the largest tunnel in October 1978, just three months before the joint war games began. It was 80 yards underground. Measuring roughly six feet square, it was not big enough for tanks but it could handle artillery pieces. The tunnel could easily accommodate thousands of troops in a surprise attack.

Naturally, the North denied any knowledge of the tunnels. Rumors persist of other tunnels capable of passing tanks.

The real problem with such flagrant provocations is that they could get out of hand and explode into general war before either side could stop it.

All war games in Korea begin by supposing that aggressors will come pouring across, and *under*, the DMZ. That was the scenario for the joint U.S.-Korean Special Forces teams when they parachuted into their UWOAs (Unconventional Warfare Operational Areas); the war problem had them operating as counterinsurgence teams behind "enemy" lines to slow down the advance of aggressors attacking in the direction of Seoul.

Each team was composed of six Americans and six Koreans. Team engineer SFC Alan Bodine parachuted with his team at night onto a drop zone in the bend of the Wan River. It was a CARP (Controlled Air Release Point) release. The DZ was not otherwise marked. Bodine knew the Korean pilot had erred when he found himself floating over the lights of Wan Ju City. Encumbered with an 80-pound ruck, weapons and other equipment, he was coming down fast and didn't have much time to maneuver.

He and American weapons sergeant SFC John Young managed to reach the river that formed one side of the DZ boundary. Bodine landed in knee-deep water. Young was in water to his shoulders. Lashed to his equipment, he was hard put to avoid drowning. A Korean who landed 10 feet away on a sand bar pulled Young out. The temperature was below freezing.

Bodine's ROK counterpart broke his leg on the jump. He was in severe pain, but he walked on it for 12 hours before he finally gave up and was medevacked.

The SF teams were required to conduct a number of missions during the following days. They were to strike targets of opportunity, receive air resupply, make commo and elude regular ROK army troops acting as "enemy."

Although Korean SF groups are patterned after the U.S. SFGs, in action they more closely resemble American Rangers. They are more concerned with counterinsurgency actions and in DA (direct action) missions against an enemy (Red Koreans) in the mountains south of the demilitarized zone than they are in "snooping and pooping."

U.S. observers were both impressed and disappointed with the Steel Men.

"No doubt, they were disciplined," SFC Bodine emphasized in his after-action briefing. "Very hard chargers and in excellent physical condition. In my mind, there is no doubt of their fighting capabilities. I'm convinced they'd hurl themselves effectively into any breach created by an attack from the North.

"But they have severe shortcomings operating in unconventional warfare. They almost never practice light, noise and movement discipline."

Korean Special Forces operated more or less in the open. They charged straight up denuded mountainsides, sometimes during daylight. They requisitioned food from locals, bivouacked in the open, built bonfires and insisted on daily baths in any streams in the vicinity.

"Why you not take bath?" Bodine was asked.

"If the enemy knows you must bathe every day," the U.S. sergeant explained, "he will ambush you there."

"That is true," the Korean reasoned with inescapable Asian logic. "But the enemy also must take bath."

Author and Korean Special Forces counterpart Lt. Lee Shik. Rowed trees on military installation near Inchon are part of South Korea's efforts to reforest war-denuded land. Photo: Charles Sasser

Vietnam veteran SFC Roger W. "Rock" Taylor was Intel sergeant for a different team. His observations matched Bodine's.

"They don't operate on a low profile," he said. "Any time the ROK SF see an enemy, they feel obligated to attack him regardless of strength."

Bodine's 12-man team attacked and "captured" an entire company of "enemy" infantry. In an actual shooting war, the team would have been wiped out. But in this case, the infantry company commander was relieved of his command for letting it happen. Not just for the play of the problem, but for *real*. The ROKs take war games seriously. What is play today might be real tomorrow.

UN Observation Post No. 5 at Panmunjom in DMZ. Large tree stump is near sentry post where two Americans were slain in "ax murders" of 1976. Photo: Charles Sasser

Sgt. Taylor's team came across an enemy tank in a valley. One of the Koreans suggested strappping explosives to his own body and sacrificing himself to blow up the tank.

"I haven't any real doubt," Taylor said, awed, "that he would have done exactly that in a real situation. What they may lack in tactics, they certainly make up for in commitment. I've worked with other Asian armies. I think the South Koreans are about the best army in the Orient. I think the South is so committed to freedom that what happened in 1950 will never be able to happen again."

My own counterpart was a lieutenant named Lee Shik. In Korea, the last name is given first. Lee and I worked in the TOC (Tactical Operations Center) at Bupyong. We jumped together when the TOC made a parachute jump from a Korean C-130 onto a sandbar in the Little Han River. The C-130 did not fly well and seemed in need of repairs.

From the air we could see the wide slash of the DMZ. Lee pointed it out to me.

"The communists have FROG missiles," he said when we were on the ground. "The range of the FROG is 70 kilometers. It can hit Seoul. Seoul is only 40 kilometers away. Our country is always under the FROG."

At the DMZ, both sides assault each other with loudspeakers blaring martial music and propaganda. Last year a U.S. soldier at the DMZ apparently believed the propaganda and defected to the North. His name and pictures are still being used to demonstrate the desirability of the communist system, but the American has not been seen since.

One night Lt. Lee and I were working late in the TOC and listening to the radio. "Listen," he said, "the communists are contacting their agents in the South."

"I don't understand Korean, Lee."

He grinned and interpreted.

"In one minute," he translated from the broadcast, "I shall start broadcasting. If you will prepare to turn to Chapter Two and begin with the sentence at the top..."

Korean music played for a minute

Entrance to Republic of Korea mountain tunnel that was built to intercept tunnel dug by North Koreans to infilitrate into South. Unsubstantiated rumors persist that some North Korean tunnels are large enough for tanks to pass through. Photo: Rick Venable

while the agents presumedly prepared to copy their instructions.

"She refers to code books used by North Korean agents in the South," Lee explained. "This station broadcasts in the North. Communist agents get their orders and instructions from the code and by now music plays. It is open and deliberate."

The pleasant female voice returned. Lee interpreted, "She gives the agents instructions in code. Seven-five-one-three-ten..."

The voice was no longer pleasant. It was eerie knowing that war could be so imminent.

"Do you believe the North will attack you?" I asked Lee.

"Everybody believes it," Lee said. "We do not know when, but they will. Things are not good in the North. The communists take most of the wealth from the people to make tanks and guns. The communists are jealous of us."

Former U.S. Ambassador William J. Porter said the same thing in a different way: "There are two stories in South Korea today. Remarkable economic growth — and increasing pressure from the North to prevent it."

The two Koreas clash socially and economically as well as militarily.

Following WWII, North Korea was largely industrial and prosperous while the South was agrarian and repressed. After the communist takeover, however, the North's GNP plummeted. Today, the quality of living in the North might best be described as on the edge of poverty. Much of the communist-dominated population is illiterate. Communism feeds on ignorance.

In the meantime, South Korea thrives. It is one of the United States' most favored nations in trade. It boasts a literacy rate of 90 percent. Its people seem happy and busy. By Asian standards, they look adequately housed, clothed and fed. Through hundreds of public-works projects — such as building roads and replanting forests destroyed by fire and the war — the Republic of Korea is building a nation to rival even industrialized Japan.

Much of the available wealth of the North, as in most communist countries, goes into military preparations. Eighteen percent of the North's GNP goes for military purposes, as compared to four percent of the South's GNP. In Red Korea there is one soldier per 33 inhabitants. The South has six per 320 inhabitants. Army conscripts in the North are required to serve seven years; ROK conscripts serve 2½ years.

"We have found ways for national defense without the expenses of the North," Lt. Lee explained. "In the South, we have military only for defense. In the North, they have military for aggression."

As part of its national-defense program, the Republic of Korea has organized its entire civilian population into a complicated civil-defense network. All males between the ages of 17 and 50 who are not in the military are obligated to serve in the Civil Defense Corps, which is responsible for civilian lives and property in case of an enemy attack. All high-school and college students are organized into a Students National Defense Corps for military training. The Combat Reserve Corps is specially trained to counter guerrilla activity in rear areas. Heavily armed with modern equipment, the Combat Reserves can be mobilized promptly to counter infiltrating enemy teams.

I asked an executive of a large Seoul company if he were concerned about invasion from the North.

"We have seven companies of militia in the plant fully equipped and ready to fight," he responded. "This plant is defended."

As of January 1972, the 15th of each month is Civil Defense Day. I was in Seoul on the 15th when air-raid sirens began wailing. An amazing transformation took place within one minute. I timed it. Eight million inhabitants disappeared from the streets of Seoul, leaving only military vehicles, civilian police and air-raid wardens wearing green arm bands. I'm certain the same thing happened in every other ROK city. I couldn't imagine clearing the streets of New York City in one week, much less in one minute.

Koreans take civil defense seriously. After all, from Seoul to Pusan, the Republic of Korea is only 270 miles long. Missiles from the DMZ can easily strike the capital. Modern aircraft can easily reach the city and bomb it within three minutes. Any city in the South can be bombed within an hour after an outbreak of hostilities.

The Koreans remember all too well the Seoul that existed at the end of 1953. It was a ruined city with a population of less than one million. The stench of death hovered forebodingly over the bones of the city. Bloated bodies rotted in the rubble-strewn streets. Gutter-living orphans prowled the destruction scrounging for food scraps. An estimated one million people died in the fierce struggle. The Koreans do not want a replay.

Opponents of the Republic's political process insist that the threat of North Korea's strong military presence has led to political repression. The government, to be sure, is controlled by one party with strong military ties. It permits no communist or socialist views. Freedom of press, free speech and assemblage are all restricted to some degree. Observers report that approximately 300 persons are being held political prisoner; some allegedly have been tortured.

Yet, next to Japan, South Korea enjoys more human rights and liberties than any other nation in Asia. There is religious freedom. Domestic and international travel is normally unrestricted. Elections apparently are honest. Political opposition exists as long as it is not communist or socialist. The National Assembly helps modify some of the government's more restrictive policies.

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REVENGE

NIGHT RUN INTO CUBA

Text & Photos by Budd Springer

The *Revenge* after we returned to Miami. If we hadn't hit at an absolute 90-degree angle to the cliff face, she would have been just another shipwreck in the Caribbean. And we survivors would probably speak a lot more Spanish than English — with a Cuban prison accent. Photo: Budd Springer

LATE in September of 1964 the M/V *Revenge* powered northwest from Grand Cayman in a flat calm sea. Destination Miami. After two months of treasure hunting on the banks south of Jamaica, we were looking forward to the ladies of the bikini state.

Since early July the 137-foot wood-hulled minesweeper had been our home in the Caribbean. Purchased and outfitted just for the hunt, she had served us well.

Equipped with the largest air bank in Florida at the time of her sailing, she was truly an independent diving station. The seven-ton blood-red crane fixed to the aft deck gave her a businesslike appearance. The screaming-yellow two-man dry submarine lent the proper air of mystery to impress the neophytes.

Our home port in Jamaica had been the beautiful north coast village of Port Antonio, Errol Flynn's old hangout. Kingston had been the fuel-up, stock-up and jump-off point for the trips to the banks of Serrana, Serrinillia and Pedro. It had indeed been a grand adventure in some of the most beautiful water in the world. Maybe that's why the sharks liked it so much.

Anyhow, after chasing a couple of dead-end rainbows around the Cayman Islands, the powers that be finally called off the hunt. The master plan was to exit Mar Caribe via the Yucatan Channel and hang a right into the Straits of Florida. We didn't realize we were about to begin the wildest two days of our trip.

As we powered toward an "X" on the chart some 25 or so miles west of Cabo San Antonio, Cuba, the chess game for the championship of the Caribbean continued in the galley. The sun gave way to a moonless night and the sea remained flat. The air-conditioner in the divers' quarters remained on the blink. Most below-decks dwellers had already staked out territory topside for the evening.

At about 2100 I climbed up behind the radar shack and fluffed up a piece of deck for a short nap. Like everyone else, I wished to be up later when we passed closest to Cuba. It was the last time I would ever take an easy nap at sea when someone I did not know personally was doing the navigating.

At about 2130, running lights ablaze and an AM radio in the bridge blaring Ska music into the moonless night, we got real close to Cuba. The bridge watch never saw the iron cliff of Cape Corrientes. The vessel traveled from 600-plus fathoms of water to less than 100 feet in a matter of a few yards. She went from 9½ knots to dead stop in one hell-of-an ear-shattering, wood-splintering, mind-bending CRASH.

Amidst the shouting from the deck and the alarm sirens from the engine room, the props continued to grind the bow against the rock. I extracted myself from the paint on the shack and crawled to starboard. The view forward was sickening. There was a 100-foot-high cliff growing out of the bow of the vessel.

CLICK. One of the searchlights on the flying bridge lasered the darkness and began sweeping the cliff. The command from below was as calm as it was effective:

"Kill that fuckin' light, you fuckin' idiot .... That's fuckin' Cuba."

CLICK. Now the bucket brigade commenced with the adrenalin.

On my way below to gather personal gear and check the damage I passed by a big fella on a ladder. I did not have to ask why he was carrying a pistol belt with a dive knife, mask and fins attached. He was sort of going over it aloud to make sure his plan was pat. It went something like this:

"When I get to the bridge, I'm gonna throw out whoever is in there. I'm gonna turn this hunk of busted lumber around and point it at Grand Cayman at flank speed. When this bitch sinks, I'm swimmin' the rest of the way. I ain't goin' ashore on this rock." (Grand Cayman was 215 nautical miles away.)

Below decks was a shambles. Another diver and I gently cracked open the water-tight between our quarters and the forward storage space. There was a foot of seawater licking at the sill. A two-inch portable pump was set to the task of removing the small amount of water we seemed to be taking there.

Preliminary damage reports showed the vessel stove about 18 inches above the waterline and half-way back to the first water-tight on the main deck. The flat sea and cliff erosion had saved the underwater portion of the bow.

A head count was made. Amazingly, there was not one single scratch on any warm body aboard. Our only "casualty" was the captain. He was busy barfing his guts out in his cabin. Rumor had it that he had put another vessel on this same cliff the year before.

Further investigation revealed planks and caulking were sprung as far aft as the forward bulkhead of the engine room. The damaged space contained the diving locker. Everything — Mk V hats, suits, weight-

"Key West Coast Guard, this is M/V *Revenge*, Channel 22. We would like to report a collision at sea. We are in no danger of sinking and have no injured aboard. We would like you to be advised of our present position and intended port of call."

belts, shoes, radios, SCUBA tanks and spare gear — was moved aft to help get the bow up.

It seemed as though the underwater portion of the vessel had survived the impact very well and the bilge pumps were holding their own. The big fella turned the vessel away and pointed her due south.

Light bulbs, the glass portion of which had remained in motion when the metal portion stopped, had to be replaced inside the closed spaces. The vessel was now in total blackout. As the revs were increased a close watch was kept on the portion of the bow which now looked like a giant spoon waiting to dip up the Caribbean.

The big fella ordered the three cases of 40-percent nitro brought topside from the ammo locker. I held the first over the port rail and he ripped out the bottom of the box. As the paper-wrapped sawdust and trinitrotoluene tumbled into the sea, he went vocal with his thoughts again. This time it went:

"When that fuckin' MiG appears out of the stars and begins spewing tracers all over this bitch, I sure as hell ain't gonna help him out with a sympathetic explosion."

In the moment of silence that followed the disposal of the third case, one could almost hear the rider saddling the pale horse. The next two hours of that night long ago are still vivid in my mind.

To keep from going blind staring into the darkness, we assigned ourselves tasks. While the big diesels drove the darkened ship through the even thicker darkness, a silent band of men performed with the precision of a Swiss watch. The forward storage space below was emptied of canned foods to further lighten the bow. A standing watch was posted in every bilge space aboard. A minute-by-minute check was made of those by a roving watch. Lifesaving gear was meticulously laid out on deck at strategic locations. Those eyes detailed to keep watch aft and above undoubtedly had the most strenuous task.

For some strange reason the smell of Hoppe's No. 9 seemed to linger on the ladders and in closed spaces.

In the darkness, clocks seem to run slower. The beautiful gin-clear water seemed to thicken and drag at the vessel. Then with the magic hour upon us and over 20 miles south of the *verboten* rock, spirits lifted with every passing minute. We began to feel as though we had pulled off the greatest disappearing act in the history of the world.

An hour before sunrise we laid out the facts for a very important decision.

Fact No. 1. We had just run six hours without any noticeable increase in damage to the vessel. No. 2. The nearest port of call was Grand Cayman, BUT, it was not home. No. 3. We had no injured aboard. No. 4. The weather reports we were gleaning from the radio were all in our favor. No. 5. Turning toward Miami would have us running with the Gulf Stream. No. 6. Even at a reduced speed of eight knots, Key West was just a little over two days away. No. 7. Sooner or later we were going to have to tell someone about the big bite out of the bow. We might as well be among friendly folks when we did it.

At sunrise we were smelling more like roses than burnt cordite. The vote was Miami.

The next two days were spent trying to normalize living conditions, mending frayed nerve ends, praying for good weather and acting nonchalant as hell. The living conditions were easy; we simply cleaned up the mess. The weather was on our side all the way. The nerves remained a bit stretched 'til we had a most amusing radio conversation with a U.S. Coast Guard station. It sounded something like this:

"Key West Coast Guard, this is M/V *Revenge*, Channel 16."

"M/V *Revenge*, this is Key West Coast Guard, Channel 16."

"Key West Coast Guard, this is M/V *Revenge*. Please shift and answer Channel 22."

"M/V *Revenge*, this is Key West Coast Guard, Channel 22."

"Key West Coast Guard, this is M/V *Revenge*, Channel 22. We would like to report a collision at sea. We are in no danger of sinking and have no injured aboard. We would like you to be advised of our present position and intended port of call."

"M/V *Revenge*, this is Key West Coast Guard. Roger that; please continue with information."

"Key West Coast Guard, this is M/V *Revenge*. Our present position is approximately 24 degrees 8 minutes north, 82 degrees 7 minutes west. We are en route Miami."

"M/V *Revenge*, this is Key West Coast Guard. Thank you and please stand by."

There were 60 seconds of sounds of the sea. Diesel engines, people smoking, coffee mugs being filled and fingers tapping the chart table. A more somber voice entered the bridge.

"M/V *Revenge*, this is Key West Coast Guard. Was your collision with another vessel or a solid object?"

"Key West Coast Guard, this is M/V *Revenge*. Negative another vessel. A solid object."

"M/V *Revenge*, this is Key West Coast Guard. Could you supply us with an approximate location of the object? It may be a hazard to navigation and we may have to mark or remove it."

There was a full second of deafening silence and an even fuller 30 seconds of absolute hysterics.

"Key West Coast Guard, this is M/V *Revenge* (giggle). Approximate location of solid object is (giggle) 21 degrees 47 minutes north (giggle), 84 degrees 26 minutes west."

"M/V *Revenge*, this is Key West Coast Guard. Thank you; please stand by."

This time there were diesel engines, people smoking, rum being poured and a lot of giggling. A really strained voice entered the bridge then.

"M/V *Revenge*, this is Key West Coast Guard. Would you please check that last location? We make that out to be the southwest coast of Cuba."

"Key West Coast Guard, this is M/V *Revenge*. You are absolutely correct. That is what we hit and we are still headed for Miami. M/V *Revenge* out."

The big fella hung up the mike and party time prevailed.

It was very dark when we secured alongside in Miami. Having left all our luck smeared on an iron cliff three days south of here, there was no covey of ladies to greet us. All we got was a band of armed men in as dark a mood as the night.

So for the first night home the game was 120,000 questions. "What did we do with the gold? [That's another story.] Who was buried in the grave at Serrana Bank? [Another long story — see "The Trouble with Frank," p. 75.] And just where was it that we had waltzed in and out of Cuba so damned easy?" They really pursued that one.

Well, the band of men disappeared before the sun appeared. The *Revenge* went to Merrill-Stevens and reappeared as the *Privateer*. The hunters were absorbed by the melting pot called Miami.

Myself and two other restless young men painted up a Bahaman Smack boat and sailed through the Bahamas toward St. Thomas. We arrived in the Dominican Republic in time for the "Spring Festival" of 1965. (Yet another tale of "Fun in the Sun.")

Well, it was better learning pillow Spanish there than prison Spanish in Havana.

THE TROUBLE WITH FRANK

by Budd Springer

It's a very shallow grave, dug in not too tall an island. One corner of the crude coffin is exposed to the incessant wind and burning sun. According to the information on the marker, it's the last accommodations of a man named Frank.

The Coast Guard had noticed the cross on the grave when they flew over the island, so when they found us in Miami with our old minesweeper and our submarine, they figured we were paramilitary types — probably practicing some kind of amphibious landings — and we'd gotten one of our guys killed.

The question of the body on S.W. Cay wasn't an easy one to answer — even though the Coast Guard was wrong about our being involved. When we'd first come across the grave we just thought it was what it appeared to be — until one day in a bar on another island we mentioned having seen Frank's grave. The bartender began to laugh and told us that was amazing, especially since Frank was sitting right there at the end of the bar.

It took a long time, a lot of questions and a bit of luck to learn the true story of the grave at S.W. Cay of Serrana Bank.

During the season, turtle fishermen come to the tiny islands of the Caribbean to catch the large armored aquanauts crawling ashore to lay their eggs. Boats drop men off to spend as much as a month living in a ramshackle one-room shack on the beach.

Near the shack are several scrub palms where one can dig into the island and find a life-sustaining amount of water. . . almost. There is a navigational marker on one end of the sand bar and there used to be two beautiful coconut palms at the other end until some klutz chopped one down.

Anyhow, the story of the mysterious grave goes something like this: Number 1 turtleboat arrives S.W. Cay and deposits fisherman. Boat departs, lone fisherman dies for some reason. Number 2 boat arrives S.W. Cay and finds deceased. Cannot identify body. Captain number 2 puts own name on marker and departs. Number 1 returns to pick up fisherman and catch. No fisherman to be found. New grave and marker are noted.

So began the search for the missing fisherman and the dear departed Frank.

When all the characters were finally put into their proper place by the testimony of the various people involved in the story we learned that the man buried at S.W. Cay was named John. I met his wife in Cayman Brac during a swamp-draining and alligator-taming festival in early September of 1964.

The lady informed me that she had heard the news about her husband in July of that year. She seemed quite satisfied with the system, and she assured me that the next boat to S.W. Cay would change the name on the marker from Frank to John, lay some flowers and say a prayer.

Now you try to lay that story on a band of armed conformists at 0200 hours after the funny radio communication with Key West Coast Guard. Rots o' ruck.

HONEST, MR. CASTRO, WE TOOK A WRONG TURN

by S. Max

Budd Springer began sport diving in 1960. Since then he has worked as a professional commercial and underwater photographer, photojournalist and outdoor writer, bluewater sailor, licensed boat operator and a marine security specialist.

His unexpected encounter with Cuba took place while he was searching for gold in the Caribbean in the early '60s. Since only a couple of years had passed since the Bay of Pigs "invasion" and the Cuban missile crisis, it is clear why he and his crewmates were sweating the whole way back to Miami.

Springer now captains working commercial dive boats, fishes a lot and writes stories. His various professions have led him into a number of adventures — hopefully we'll get the chance to hear more of them.

COLT COMBAT-READY

Almost Ready for Competition

Text & Photos by Ken Hackathorn

COLT Firearms is no newcomer to the field of competitive practical shooting. Hardly anybody shoots anything else. But nobody shoots them out of the box. The Government Model is the standard point of departure, but the finished product has only superficial resemblance to the original. And the full-dress job can cost between $500 and $2,000. Colt has finally decided to do something about that disparity, and the result is the long-awaited Combat Government Model. And it only costs $506.50.

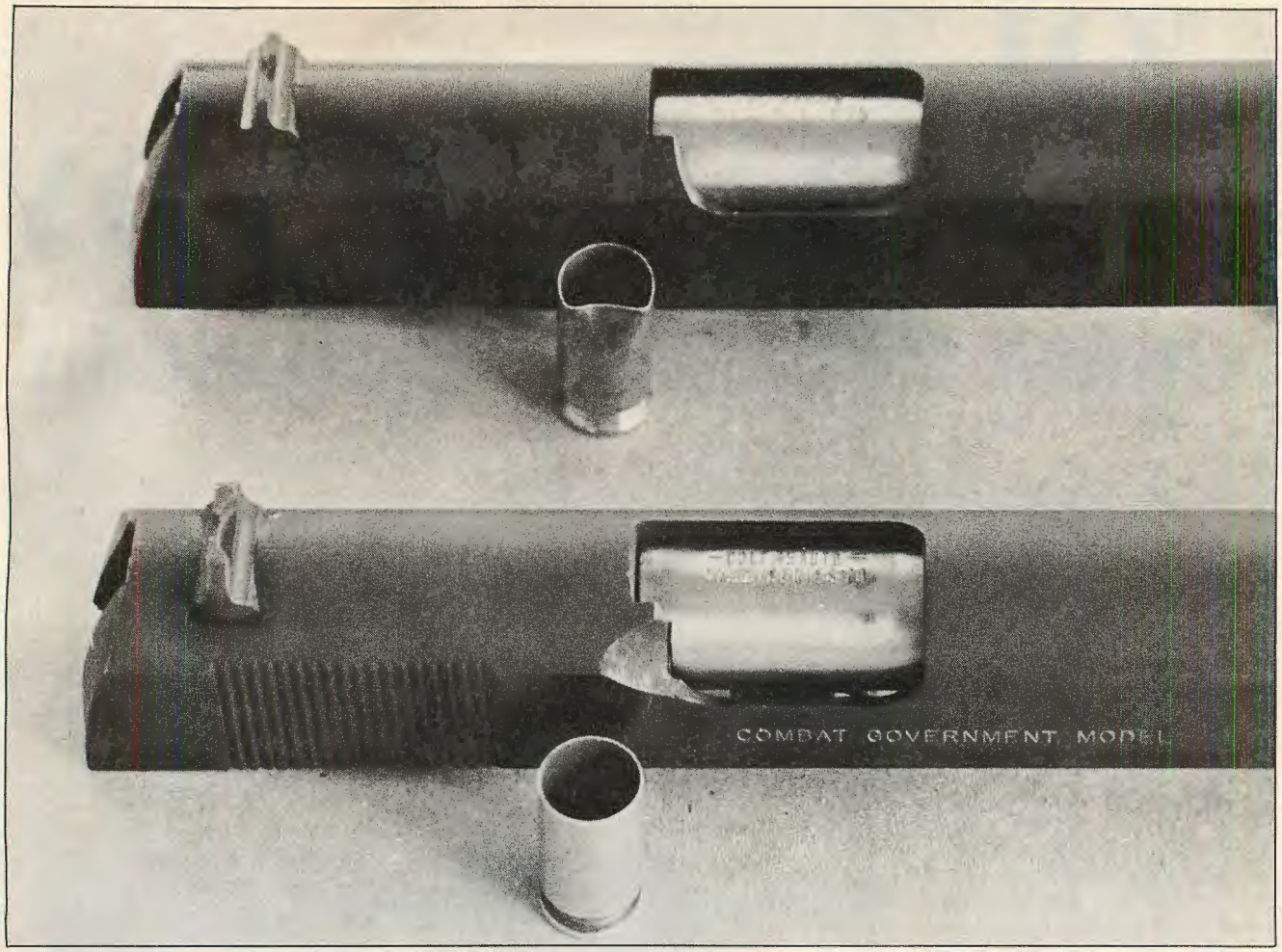
The Combat Government Model comes in a blued-steel finish. It has the modifications needed to provide the user a ready-to-go handgun for practical pistol matches. While not equal to the custom combat-tuned .45 autos produced for competition by various pistolsmiths, this new Colt Combat Government Model is not a couple of thousand dollars less pistol. It is based upon the proven MKIV .45, but includes those modifications favored by most IPSC shooters. Changes include high fixed sights, a modified ejection port, beveled magazine well, long trigger, flat mainspring housing and custom Pachmayr stocks.

The most critical modifications are good sights and a good trigger. Here Colt went halfway. The sights are excellent. The front sight is the plain undercut blade used on the Gold Cup. However, the Combat Government Model had this sight silver-soldered in place. The front sight is not going to shoot loose. The rear sight is high and fixed and has a white-outline notch. The sharp corners of the rear sight are rounded. The undercut front sight may snag in some holsters but a gunsmith can file it down to a smooth ramp.

The test weapon's trigger-pull was heavy, but that was cheap and easy to fix. It seems about half of the triggers on this line are acceptable and about half of them need work. The trigger itself is long and smooth, in accordance with generally recommended competition practice.

Father and son: Colt Government Model (top) and competitive spinoff Combat Government Model.

Author displays 10 holes from 10 2.5-second draw-and-fires from 25 meters.

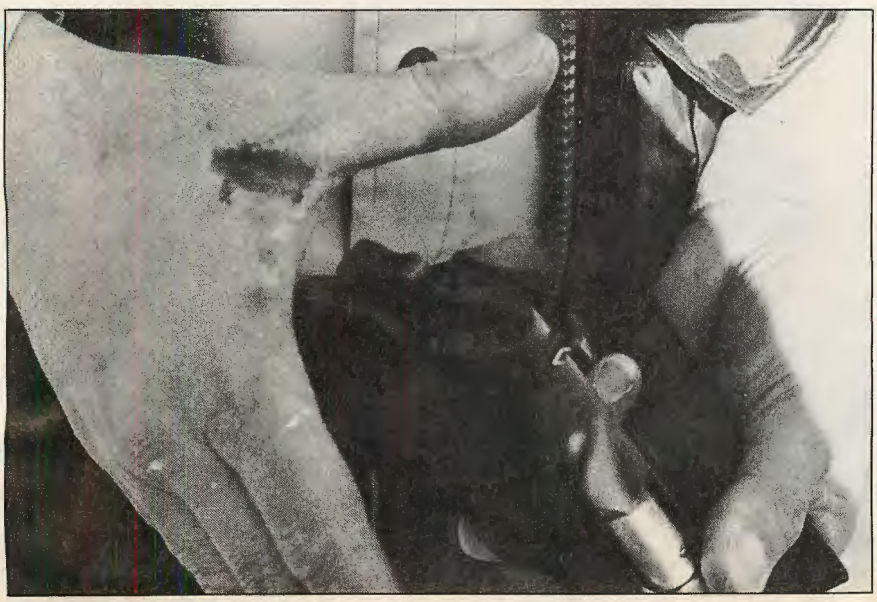


Another helpful modification was an enlarged ejection port identical to the Gold Cup's. This keeps the cases from being dented in the ejection cycle. The magazine well on the new Colt is beveled and allows magazines to be inserted quickly.

The addition of the Gold Cup grooved flat mainspring housing was one step closer to turning it into a real competition pistol. This flat mainspring housing is usually preferred by IPSC shooters over the newer-design 1911A1 arched housing. Most shooters find the flat housing allows a more comfortable grip and makes depressing the grip-safety more positive in speed shooting. Those with smaller hands will find the flat mainspring housing is easier to hold. The front grip strap is grooved and the pistol is equipped with Pachmayr stocks.

Wider ejection port is easier on reloaders' brass.

Author's hand after 30 rounds: Later he added a wide grip-safety.



Like all stock 1911-pattern pistols, the Combat Government Model bit the web of my shooting hand. This is a problem with 1911 pistols, and unless the hammer-spur is shortened or a wide grip safety is installed the hand suffers. After the initial shooting tests, I added a wide, extended grip-safety to my test pistol. The hammer bite was eliminated. Colt also markets an ambidextrous safety that can be added to any of the Colt autos.

Range testing of the new Combat Government Model pistol proved that the folks at Hartford had done their homework. The pistol shot right at point of aim at 25 yards. The test gun had two failures in the first 50 rounds, both in the second magazine. Near the end of the 50 rounds, the slide stop bounced up and locked the slide to the rear with three rounds left. Both failures were considered to be an acceptable part of break-in. The pistol was lubricated with a light application of my favorite auto-pistol lubricant, Lubriplate, then fired for another 300 rounds. Both ball and reloads worked perfectly. To date the test Combat Government Model has faultlessly fed and ejected over 900 rounds of .45 ammo.

Retail price for a Colt MKIV is now $419.95. The MKIV Combat Government Model sells for $506.50. The extra cost of the newer gun is a bargain when the modifications are considered. Few gunsmiths could do the same work for such a reasonable price.

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in doublethink, some even blamed the United States for the holocaust in Cambodia, contending that in our efforts to prevent a communist takeover we had brutalized Cambodia's peaceful peasants.

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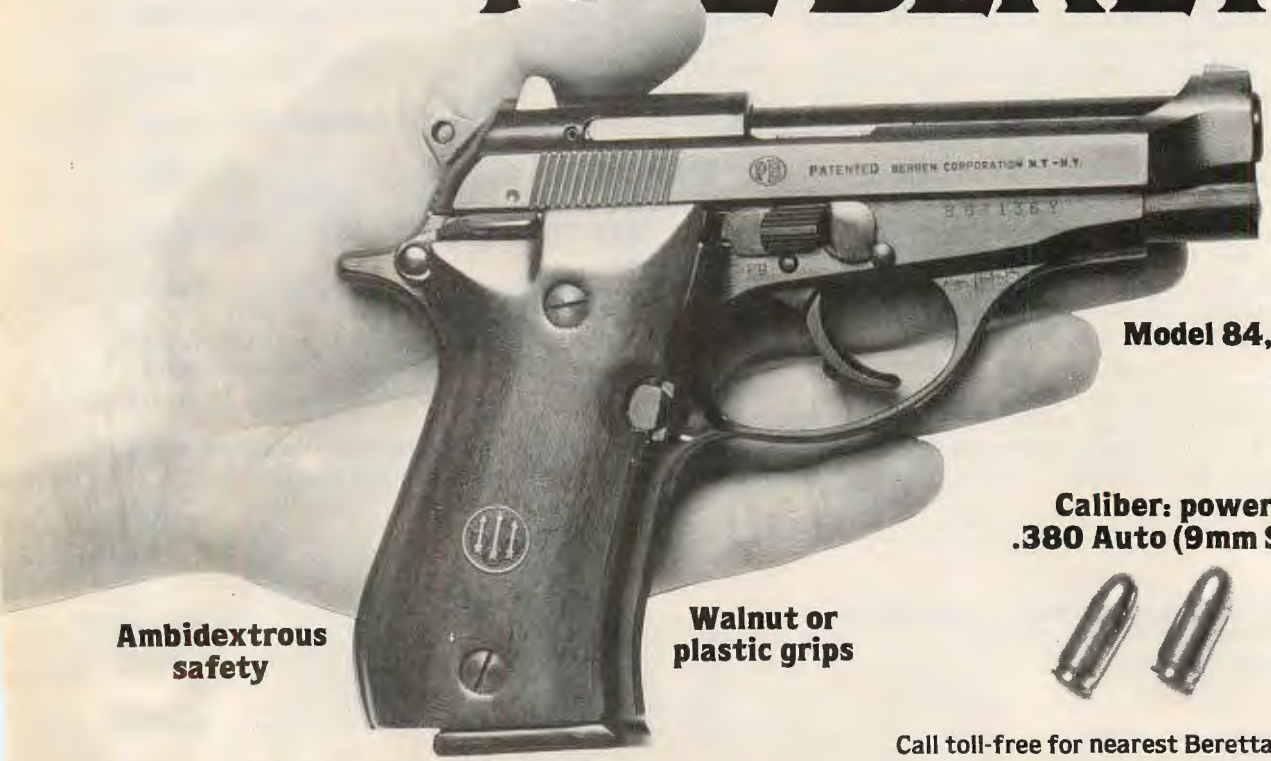

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mound but sprawling bodies and the upright flapping black banners.

We cheered but our jubilation was short-lived.

Lt. Vernon ordered us to shoot less. "Be very sparing," he said. "Shoot only when you can kill. We haven't much ammunition left."

Cheerful news, with the Druses now beginning to move forward again in renewed attack! But now we heard a roaring in the air. Looking up, we saw seven or eight airplanes. They bombed and strafed the Druses, but it was more spectacular than effective. The Druses, hugging close to their rocks and stone hedges, merely arched their backs like cats in the rain.

Then the planes, circling and dropping still lower, passed over our camps as we yelled like mad men and waved our kepis, before slowly vanishing in the distance, winging back toward Ghazale: We knew that they had reconnoitered well, had seen our peril and our plight, and in a few minutes would be reporting it to headquarters.

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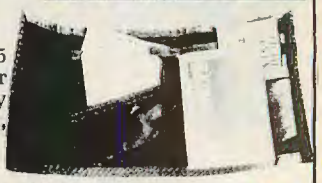

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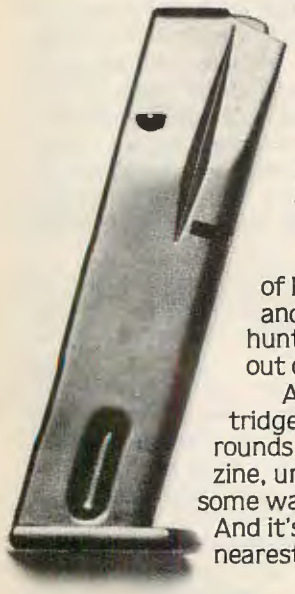

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kilometers' march from Ghazale; the relief should be here by 1600 hours! It seemed a long time away. Our fate depended upon a race between the relief and the steady drain of our depleted ammunition store.

Then the new attack was on, and we figured no longer.

Whoever was the strategist behind that hill which faced us had a flexible mind that learned from experience. That first terrible assault at dawn had been by men coming down in dense masses through which our fire had done terrific execution. The mode of attack had now been changed.

The long slope, between our camp and the mountain, down which they charged, was all cut up with low stone hedges that separated fields, and made corrals in peace-time for the village goats. As the Druses renewed their attack down this slope, they made use of every bit of cover. In extended order, in small detachments, they'd rush behind a hedge and fire for a while before rushing or crawling to another. Thus, almost invisibly, these thousands were advancing upon us like a subterranean river.

We were reserving our fire, mindful of orders and the situation. We fired slowly and carefully. Most of the time all we saw was a bounding form going through the air from one rock to another. My little Parisian, still fighting to my left — and now we had a lot of wall to hold — occasionally caught one of these out in the air, but most of us were reserving our fire for closer quarters.

The bottom of the slope held a last space that must be rushed to get at us. Whenever they reached this, we suddenly became prodigal and let go with everything we had. At that, they sometimes died on our barbed-wire strand, and sometimes almost at the wall.

It was then that my little Parisian was at his best. He was good with his rifle, but absolutely uncanny with grenades. He could almost throw them around corners. Failing to reach us, the remnants of the charging Druses would retreat behind the nearest walls, and my Parisian, lobbing carefully, would dislodge them with grenades that landed on their backs.

"*Ca y'est*," he'd say each time, "*ca y'est!*" (That's the way!) And all the while the danger on our right frayed at our nerves.

Thus the hours passed, wearily, in constant fighting, heat, clamor, death and blood — and our ammunition ebbed. We began to ask each other the time. Finally it was 1600 hours, the time we had fixed in our minds we would be relieved. But nothing changed.

The Druses were still firing without letup. We were still in hell.

At 1630 hours, the men began to curse bitterly. Would that relief never come? The lieutenant, with his binoculars, looked anxiously toward Ghazale.

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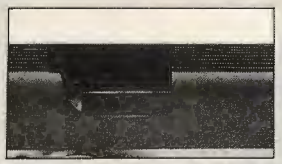

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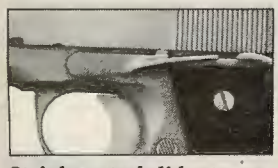

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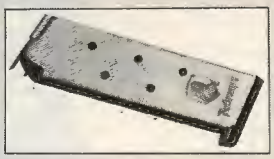

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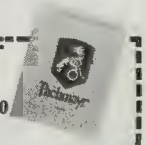

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A new attack debouched out of the village, and we stopped it. The wounded Druses dotting the ground kept firing. We would have to finish them one by one, shooting carefully, not wasting a shot. The ammunition kept getting lower and lower.

The lieutenant raised his binoculars more and more often toward Ghazale, but from Ghazale nothing came.

It was now well past five, and no relief. The lieutenant took a last count of the munitions, a last long look through his binoculars, then told us to stick our bayonets into the ground.

Each man pulled his bayonet out of its sheath and stuck it into the ground by his side, to have it ready to fix when the last command came, for the curtain was about to rise on the final act. The lieutenant brought out the last of the munitions and passed them around. The machine-gunners had all been killed; we tore out the last of their ammunition belts and passed around the cartridges.

When the distribution had been finished, I had 25 cartridges. Some of the men had less than half of that. A few grenades lay at the feet of each man. And by his side, sticking in the ground, was his bayonet, ready to be fixed when, at the last, the enemy was within and the final slaughter began.

The word went around the wall, passed from man to man, "Keep a last cartridge for yourself." All the old legionnaires had fought in Morocco and had seen their wounded tortured. They weren't sure if it would be the same with the Druses, but they were going to take no chances.

The Druses seemed to have sensed our extremity, and were grouping for a final assault. The streets of the village were packed with them, chanting, singing, working themselves up to a frenzy under the exhortations of their leaders. Behind the stone walls on the slope the same movements were occurring. The marabouts went from detachment to detachment. Yells rose everywhere.

Then the cavalry, which had been waiting all day, massed behind the infantry, almost at the top of the crest, formed in long lines, and with battle flags waving began to descend.

We had ceased answering their fire. With just a few men at the *creneaux* to call when the final rush began, we sat at the foot of the wall, fanning ourselves with our kepis.

I knew I was going to die!

It was perhaps our inertia, our silence, which, through the suspicion it engendered, fear of some trap, delayed their *coup de grace*. There is no doubt that if they had charged, we could not have held them. The cavalry, leaping the low wall, would have been among us like a tornado, and it would have been the end. But they delayed, their horsemen walking slowly into striking position, the infantry still inflaming itself with its chants and its clamor.

Behind us, on the side opposite the slope down which had come the attacks, the ground rose in another long slope to a crest. From behind that crest, far off, I heard a tinny brassy sound, a distant brassy music, as if from inside a closed victrola. Brass bugles, far away.

The tinny sound was swelling, growing clear. It leaped out of the victrola and became real. It was welling, nearing. We sprang to our feet with a shout.

Behind the crest over there, still far but nearing fast, massed bugles were singing over and over again, "*En avant! En avant! En avant! En avant!*"

We heard rifle fire and the rattling of machine guns. Druse cavalry came running by over a ridge to our left. Suddenly, with a long hiss, a 45mm shell lit in the center of our camp and exploded. No one was hit, but the irony of being killed by our own relief forces made us mad as hell. We hugged the walls, not knowing which side to lie behind. More shells began to rain about us as an invisible battery tried to find its range.

Meanwhile, the massed bugles behind that crest were raising and raising their cry. Clearer and clearer, louder and louder, nearer and nearer the sound came. "*En avant! En avant! En avant! En avant!*"

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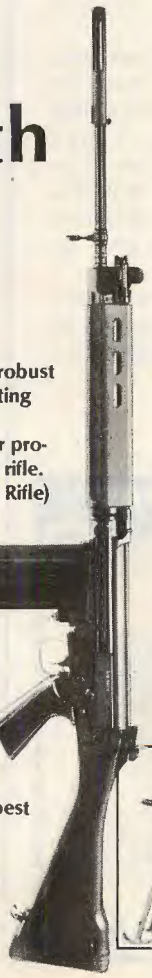

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came the massed bugles, singing still, hysterically, "*En avant! En avant! En avant! En avant!*"

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Down the slope the Tirailleurs swept, and filled the plain. Those in line with the village poured into it and began a house-to-house slaughter; the others swept right and left, up the slopes down which the Druses had charged and up which they were now fleeing.

We let go the last of our precious ammunition in a wild discharge after the disappearing enemy. We then tore the barbed wire from the gate of our redoubt and strolled out smiling. We would live to die at Rachaya.

Five hundred Druse slain covered the area and in the days following we laid them out in a gruesome exemplary line at the entrance to the village, along with a hundred or so dead horses. We never buried the enemy dead, nor did we ever tend their wounded. The Druses died where they fell, or in the corners where they crawled, unattended.

The inhabitants of the village, about 700 old men, women and children, were sent out into the desert forever. The village was razed and all the males of military age were shot.

La guerre contre les Druses was without quarter. The Druses gave no quarter and wanted none. Who had started the war on those terms, I don't know, but firmly established on those terms it certainly was when I came into it. That was the way we fought the Druse and, looking back now, I give no penitence.

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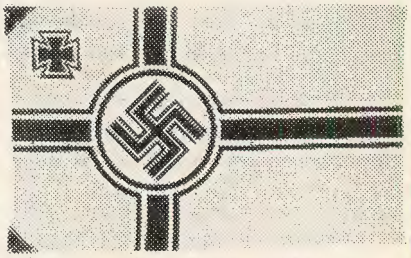

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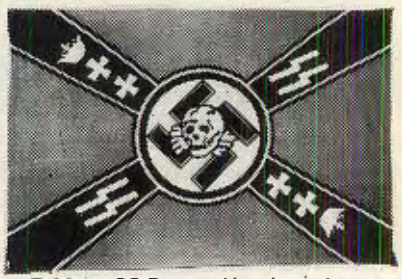

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Suspense and action are skillfully interwoven as Skellen, knowing the time limitations for obtaining the information on the radicals' intentions, romances and wins the confidence of Frankie Leith (convincingly played by Australian actress Judy Davis), the leader of The People's Lobby. Her organization is not only financed by foreign governments hostile to British and U.S. interests, but also has the tacit approval and support of many liberal officials within the British government.

For the first time on screen, the meticulous training and assault tactics of the SAS anti-terrorist squadron are depicted. These tactics, which have not been exaggerated by a writer's imagination, are the results of years of trial and error, great expense and hard work by anti-terrorist units. Although several of these tactics are already outdated, of particular interest to SOF readers is the Close Quarter Battle (CQB) House (informally known as the "Killing House"), where the perilous skill required to shoot would-be assassins or kidnappers in the close confines of a room without hitting a hostage is practiced.

Producer Lloyd said of the film's authenticity, "Once the British Defense Ministry saw what we were doing with the production, they allowed me to view some of the SAS training areas. Our art director built all the sets based on my descriptions. The Ministry also arranged the assistance of a 'former' SAS officer, Maj. Alastair Morrison (who was part of a two-man SAS liaison team that accompanied West Germany's anti-terrorist unit, GSG-9, on the successful assault and recovery of a Lufthansa airplane carrying 79 passengers and crew that had been hijacked by four Palestinian terrorists in October '77 at Mogadishu, Somalia), and other 'former' SAS soldiers who had returned to their parent regiments and were willing to participate in the movie."

The terrorists' target is the American Embassy residence in London, which is captured along with many high-ranking diplomats of both England and the United States, including the U.S. Secretary of State (played by Richard Widmark). Impossible demands are made upon the British government for their release, setting the stage for the inevitable confrontation.

As negotiations between the civil government and the terrorists proceed, Skellen, under close observation by the terrorist group within the captured Embassy, covertly establishes contact with the police forces who now surround the occupied Embassy. Information is passed back and forth by Skellen and the SAS liaison by a visual Morse Code communications system.

Shots are heard from within the siege area, but the authorities' frantic inquiries are dismissed by the terrorist leader as an accidental discharge of a weapon. In reality, the commanding general of the U.S. Strategic Air Command (played by Robert Webber) has been murdered. Frankie Leith is now face to face with a reality she hadn't anticipated. She knows the murder of a hostage removes any hope of bargaining with the government.

Commander Powell (played by Edward Woodard, *Breaker Morant*), head of Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist unit, is convinced a hostage has been murdered. His request for "The Final Option" (use of military force) is granted and, as police officer in charge, he notifies the SAS Tactical Commander that he is handing operational control to the military.

In this dialogue exchange, Powell informs the SAS commander, "In front of worldwide television cameras and uninformed members of the press, you will have to attempt to rescue the hostages. If, during the operation, some of them are killed, you will be damned. And if somehow you manage to save them, but in doing so you kill the terrorists, you will be damned. It is a no-win situation."

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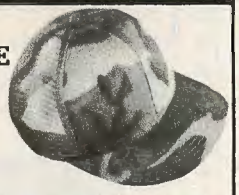

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Expect this picture to be controversial. The bleeding-heart critics will pan it to no end and the liberal peace groups, press and TV will damn it to hell.

After a decade of urban terrorism throughout the world, *The Final Option* reflects a change in attitude. It's nice to see the "good guys" win in the end.

OFF-SCREEN HERO

by Jim Monaghan

Within one month of shooting the action sequences of *The Final Option*, the British military personnel involved were in a real shooting action in the Falklands.

British Army Capt. John Greenlagh was the WASP helicopter comander during the filming. But later, while flying a mission during the Falklands War, he had the opportunity to engage in some off-screen heroics.

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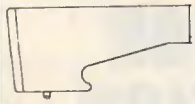

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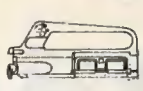

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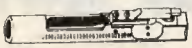

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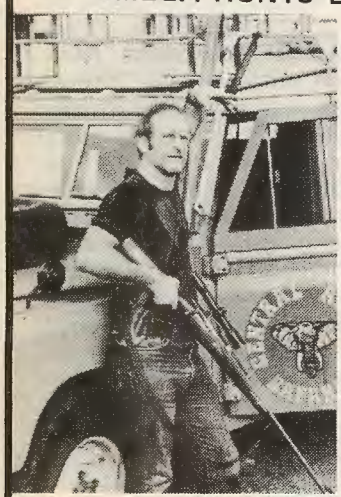

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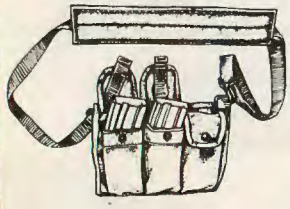

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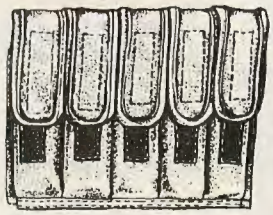

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KOREA

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The restrictions that do exist are deemed necessary to combat Red Korean guerrilla activity and maintain the South's sovereignty. South Korea remains literally under the perpetual threat of war. Under the FROG, as Lt. Lee put it. Security must remain a vital issue to the Seoul government.

One example of this is the curfew that falls over the country from midnight until 0400 hours. Thoroughfares are blocked. No one except the military and the police are allowed to be on the streets or roads. The nation literally shuts down. Nightclubs and bars stay open until four to accommodate the curfew. When my SF team members returned from the field, without any real enemy contacts, we went out with our Korean counterparts for a night on the town and found ourselves trapped in an Inchon night spot. It is a Korean custom for members of the same sex to dance with each other. Custom or not, it was a cultural shock to be in uniform slow-dancing with a Korean man also in uniform. Combat-hardened Green Berets grinned sheepishly and swooped and dipped with tough little Steel Men.

We slipped out before curfew lifted. It was like stepping into a science-fiction movie in which some mysterious malady has wiped out the world's population. No one walked the streets. There were no taxis, no newsstands, no late-night eateries. Nothing. The city had a population of over one million — and no one stirred. Our footsteps echoed between the skyscrapers.

"What happens if the police see us?" I asked.

"Maybe they think we infiltrators and shoot us," my counterpart replied. He did not grin. I thought he was serious.

In the language of the country, Korea means "high and lovely land." Threatening questions remain about the high and lovely land: Will the two heads of the dragon ultimately clash? If so, can the Republic of Korea defend itself against the larger armies of the North?

The answers to both these questions lie in the United States' commitment to South Korea. If the Americans leave, the consensus seems to be, then it will be only a matter of time before the North attacks and the wait for war becomes war itself. For that reason, the U.S. deputy commander of U.S. Forces, Korea, criticized President Carter's planned cutback of U.S. forces.

"The South Koreans may be as fine soldiers as you'll find anywhere in the world," Lt. Gen. Winfield W. Scott Jr. said, then added significantly, "American and ROK troops can stop an invasion before it reaches Seoul."

As for Korea, it remains one of the few remaining states in the world where American sacrifices for freedom are still remembered and appreciated. Old fish-wives selling dried squid and fish and *kimch'i* in the market looked up and, seeing an American, ran to clutch my hand. Kids tagged along behind. They weren't trying to shine shoes or beg for coins. They wanted to help Americans.

"They made me feel more appreciated than any people I've ever worked with," concluded SFC Rock Taylor. "I'd trust my life to those people. When I first got here, I'd see these little kids walk up and I expected them to be like the Vietnamese and say, 'Fuck you, GI.' Instead, they'd say, 'Green Beret is good.' Old people were always saying, 'Americans are good. We remember when....' It made you feel good to hear that."

Inchon's Mayor Won Byung Ui hosted a formal party in the city's best hotel to honor the U.S. Green Berets. Lovely geishas in fine Korean dress served dishes on low tables accompanied by traditional entertainment. Combat boots were lined up in the hallway outside. I felt somewhat like Marco Polo must have felt on finding China.

"This is a tribute to brave Special Forces from America who come to train to fight with our brave Special Forces of Korea," the mayor said. Then the Special Forces commander and the rest of us posed for newspaper photos. You had the feeling that Won's warmth was geniune.

But it was not dignitaries who said it best. That came from the common soldiers who summed up everything in few words.

During the night after U.S. Sgts. Alan Bodine and John Young jump-landed in the freezing-cold river, their Korean counterparts piled on top of them to try to keep them warm and prevent hypothermia. Most of them knew only a few English phrases. They kept repeating, "I love you. I love you."

Lt. Lee Shik embraced me when it was time to leave.

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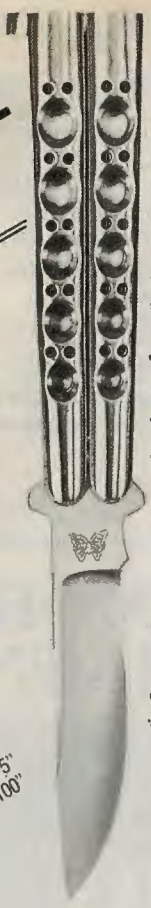

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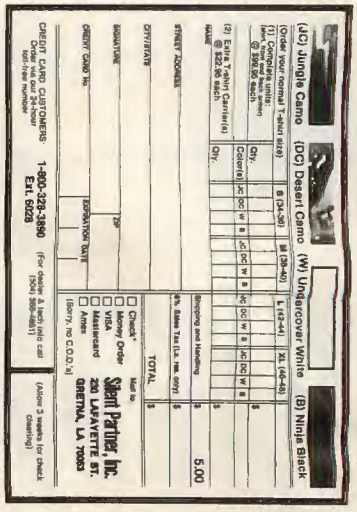

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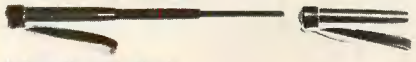

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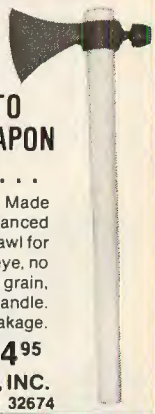

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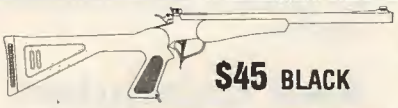

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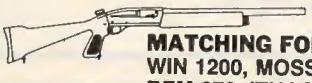

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Other UN headquarters are reportedly used by the Soviets in much the same manner, including the Geneva office, according to former *Newsweek* editor and co-author of the best-selling espionage novel, *Spike*, Arnaud de Borchgrave.

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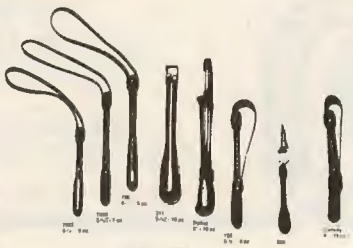

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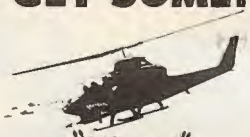

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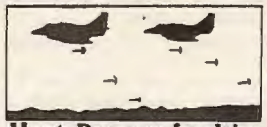

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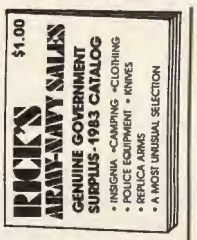

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HERO, HUCKSTER OR HINDERER?...

Sirs:

The worst part about the POW matter is that the existence of live POWs in Southeast Asia would be an immense international political embarrassment to the guilty government. It might be far more in the interests of the Vietnamese to kill the prisoners than to risk their discovery. I suspect they were executed two to three years ago when the media blocked CIA efforts to locate them through covert methods.

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John Hegman
North Vernon, Illinois

U.S. Secretary of State George Schultz officially accused the Vietnamese government of the same charge in June '83. —The Eds.

IT'S A SMALL WORLD...

Sirs:

I'm writing in regard to "Amtrak Ambush" by William Kestell in the September '82 issue. It brought back a lot of memories.

The fire fight he writes about is the first one that I was in. I helped pick up the bodies of his friends that day.

I have reason to believe the Lloyd who was killed that day was Lloyd Colfack. I didn't know Lloyd at all, but he either was born in the same county in Nebraska I was or he spent some time there as a boy. I went to school with his cousin. His uncle and grandfather were neighbors of mine.

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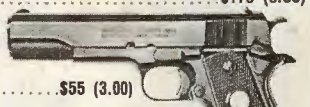

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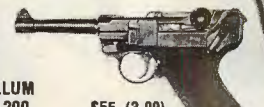

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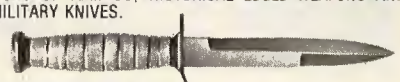

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Also, as you encourage your readers to write to their congressmen, you might dedicate a page on *how* to write a letter to an official or a newspaper (preferably liberal ones). It's difficult and takes a lot of time. All they need are the guidelines. (None of that nuke-the-commies-back-to-the-Stone-Age nonsense.) I make this latter suggestion because you care and your readers care. Somebody has to offset the $3 billion-per-year Soviet propaganda campaign.

Albert Masetti
Ridgewood, New Jersey

SOF has already begun using more maps and graphs — partially because our readers have suggested it — and will continue to do so. Also look in a future issue for guidelines for writing public officials. —The Eds.

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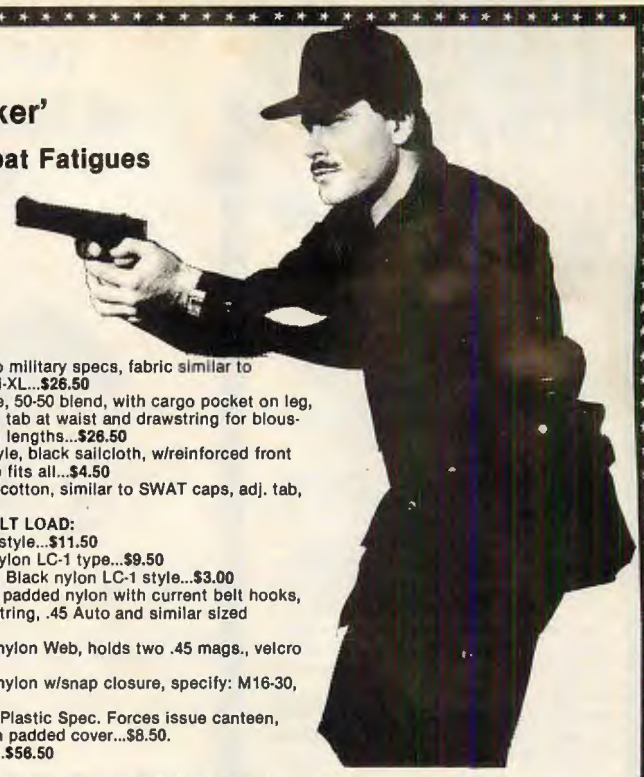

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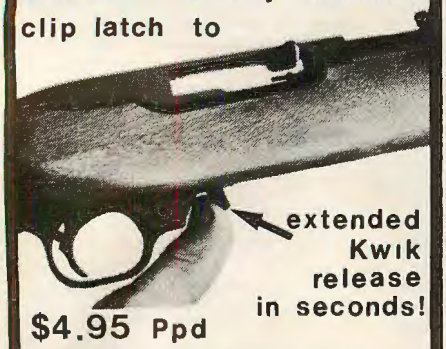

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Grant McClure
Waldorf, Maryland

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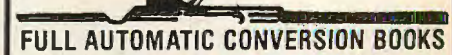

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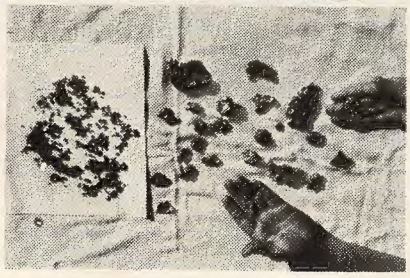

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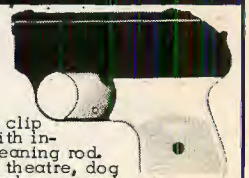

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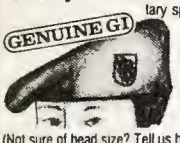

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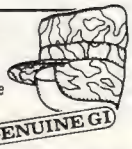

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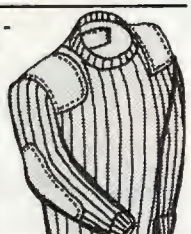

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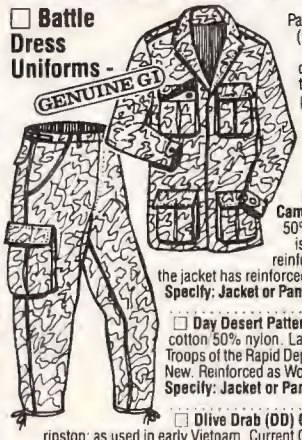

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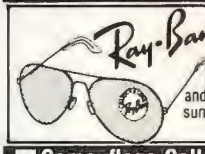

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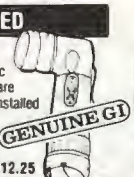

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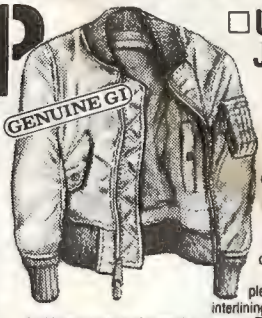

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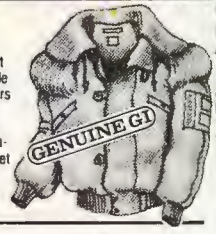

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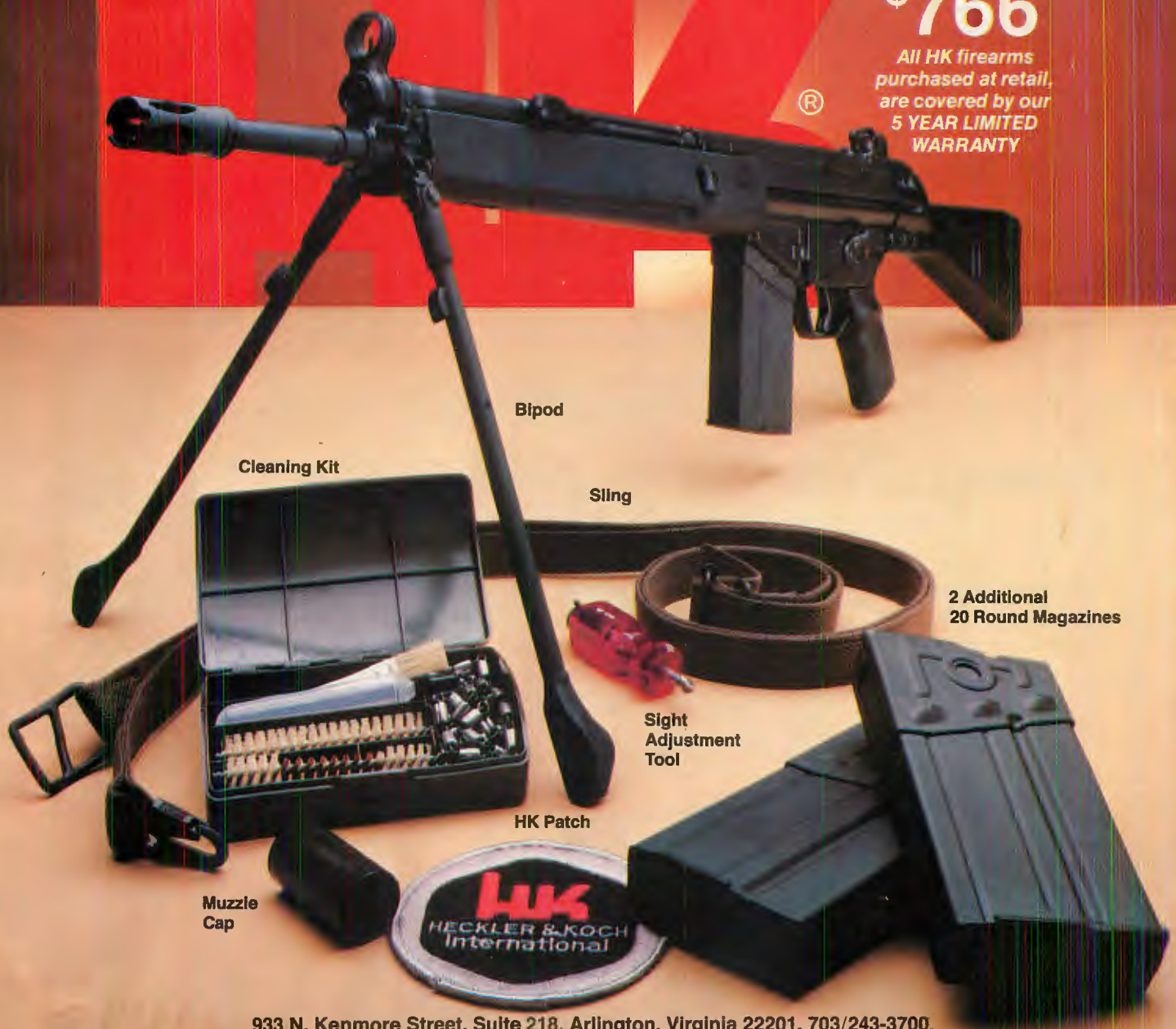

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